

SALARIES COMMISSION BACKS 4-YEAR TOUR OF DUTY

Huge Shipment Of Illegal Gold From Manila

Manila, Jan. 7. The "Evening News" said gold bullion, reputedly worth 15,000,000 pesos, had been smuggled from Manila to a China Sea port. The paper said the chief of the President's secret police had submitted a report implicating two Filipino officials in the illegal shipment. Expectation of gold is banned by the Philippine Government to non-members of the World Monetary Fund. — Associated Press.

4 European Seamen — Destitute

Four European seamen appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. G. Conklin on a charge of larceny of six blankets and six bed sheets (valued at \$189) from the Seaman's Mission in Hennessy Road. Defendant—Jan H. Kruger, 28, Fredrick Peterson, 23 Stanley Main, 19, and Albert K. Parker, 19—pleaded "guilty." First accused was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and the other three to four weeks' hard labour. Insp. Brownrigg, prosecuting, said that Kruger went to the second floor of the Mission, stole the bed linen and threw it over the balcony to the other three. The blankets and sheets were later sold and the money used to buy liquor. All the men, Insp. Brownrigg said, were destitute and could not get a ship out of the Colony.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on Jan. 7, 1948:—Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (Chinese) Club \$1,054.42; Per Young Brothers Banking Corporation Wing Lung Bank \$100; Pak Chung Company \$50; Dai Heng Bank \$50; Dai Sing Bank Ltd. \$50; Hong Sang Bank \$50; Mr. T.K. Whang \$50; Chung Shing Lee Co. \$50; Great China Industrial Co. \$40; Y. Men Club of Hong Kong \$30; Mr. T.S. Wong \$20; Hong Kong & Swatow Commercial Bank \$20; Seeluen Commercial Co. \$20; Wing Sun Co. \$20; Salt Industry Bank of Seeluen \$20; \$580; Grand Total \$3,733,660.18.



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Continuation of the present rule of a four-year tour of duty for European civil servants up to the age of forty is recommended in the Salaries Commission's Report, despite strong representations that this should be shortened. The Commission discloses that other representations concerning conditions of service were made, but the members came to the conclusion that most of them were caused by the present inadequacy of emoluments generally.

The Report says:

Very strong representations were made by the European Civil Servants Council and by certain Heads of Departments against the existing length of tours of duty. It was not commonly suggested that the present length of tours was inimical to health or to efficient work; rather it appeared that officers were influenced chiefly by the shorter tours normal in other Colonies.

Two considerations influenced us towards the conclusion that only minor changes of leave rules for overseas officers were necessary.

- It is true that for four or five months in the year the climate of Hong Kong is bad, uncomfortable and enervating. There is no evidence that the incidence of sickness during the hot summer months is specially high; the climate at this season is trying rather than unhealthy. On the other hand the recuperative value of the long spell of relatively cool, dry weather is high. The climate for three or four months is good. It is not too much therefore to expect that men should work for longer tours of duty in Hong Kong than would be reasonable in the almost unchanging heat of Malaya.

High Cost

- Hong Kong is very nearly as far away from Great Britain where most overseas officers wish to spend their leave as any spot on the globe and steamers and air plane fares necessarily are high. The long time involved in the sea voyage adds to the cost to Government. The cost in fares for an officer and his family would be so great that a radical change for all overseas officers would be justified only if there were convincing evidence of physical or mental harm consequent on the present length of tours. For younger officers such evidence was not forthcoming.

The present rule imposes a four year tour until an officer has attained the age of forty-five and has completed twenty years service, after which the normal tour is three years. After consideration of the representations made we recommend

that overseas officers should continue to serve a four year tour until they attain the age of forty and have completed ten years service, and that thereafter the tour should be reduced to three years.

Study Leave

The implementation of the policy in regard to local recruitment necessarily implies that periods of study leave should be given generously in all appropriate cases. For the time being, the number of local officers who should require study leave may be relatively small. In any case, in these days, it is not easy for a man, from overseas to obtain admission to professional and technical courses of study in Great Britain, to which country, it is hoped, a man will naturally turn for the acquisition of knowledge and experience. But this question of study leave will acquire increasing importance with the lapse of years.

We therefore make the following general recommendations on this matter:—

- To assist promising assistant professional officers to qualify by the acquisition of special experience or higher diplomas for promotion to the professional grade, the granting of study leave on the recommendation of a Head of Department at any time after such officers have completed five years service should be favourably considered.

Refresher Courses

- Local professional officers with more than ten years service should be allowed to accumulate their annual leave up to six months in order to enable them to take refresher courses or to study the latest developments in their professions.
- Where study leave is granted under the above recommendations, return passages and tuition fees should be paid by Government.
- Officers who are granted study leave under these recommendations should be required to enter into an undertaking to continue in Government service for at least five years after the completion of the study leave granted to them.

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Landing In Palestine



Here is the scene after the Royal Navy had intercepted a Jewish refugee ship, the Haganah ship "Unafraid" with about 850 Jewish Jews aboard, and the ship had been taken into Haifa harbour, where the refugees were disembarked. Transshipment to British ships which will carry the immigrants to detention camps in Cyprus began immediately, without incident. Photo shows:—Some of the immigrants boarding rubber life rafts in which they were towed out to the waiting ship from the embarkation point on the Italian coast. —A Photo.

HAINAN WAR CRIMES COURT TOLD —

120 Chinese Bayoneted In Cold Blood

How 120 Chinese prisoners at Hainan POW Camp were bayoneted by defendants was told by the prosecution at the war crimes trial of Camp Commandant Admiral Tahara Susumu and 16 of his associates before the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court on Tuesday at Kowloon.

Defendants, who are represented by two Japanese counsel with Major J. Soster as Advisory Officer, are charged with ill-treating 263 Australian and 237 Dutch Hainan Camp POWs and causing the death of 81 Australians and 70 Dutchmen. All pleaded not guilty.

Tajima Tamaki ("Friendly Fred")—later "Hateful Harry"—was overcome with nausea just after the afternoon session started.

The Court, consisting of Lt. Col. H.G. Guinn, DSO, EID (President), Lt. Col. T. Brock (Judge Advocate), AALC, Major N. McCleod, Australian Light Horse (Commando) and Lt. R. Carter, AALC, then adjourned proceedings to today at 9.30 a.m.

Prosecution Officer Major Grant McIntyre, Australian Div SCAP, (GHQ), Tokyo, with Major A.D. Mackay assisting, finished reading the report of Camp Commandant Lt. Col. W.J.B. Scott (2/21 Battalion, Australian Army).

The report told how 120 Chinese prisoners were brought to the camp on the evening of July 17, 1948.

NEW ANTI-RED GROUP TO BE SET-UP IN N.-W. CHINA

Nanking, Jan. 7. A new North-west China Communist Suppression Headquarters will be established with General Chang Chi-chung, former Governor of Sinkiang, slated to be commander-in-chief, according to Chinese press reports today.

The new command will be similar to the recently established central headquarters under National Defence Minister Pai Chung-hsi and the North China headquarters under Gen. Fu Tso-yi. It will centralise the command of anti-Communist operations in the north-west provinces.

The headquarters are expected to be located at Lanzhou, capital of Kansu, but Shian, the seat of the Shensi provincial government, is also mentioned as a possibility.

Ma Hung-tai, Ma Pu-fang, Chu Shao-chow and Kuo Chichien, governors of Ninghsia, Chinghsai, Shensi, and Kansu respectively, will reportedly serve as deputy commanders to Gen. Chang Chi-chung.

The decision to establish a new command was made as Communist activity spread to the border regions of the north-west provinces and Gen. Hu Tshun-an's suppression of the Communists in northern Shensi appeared to be bogged down.

At Kiukiang

The Communist Suppression Command at the Yangtze River port of Kiukiang has called an emergency military conference to discuss measures to safeguard river shipping as Communists threatened the waterway near Kiukiang, pro-Government reports added.

The Communists, active along a 200-mile stretch of the Yangtze River centred at Hankow, have been desperately trying in the past two months to swarm across the mile-wide river into Hunan Province, possibly to link up with guerrilla forces active in China's richest "rice bowl."

The reports said all local magistrates and local commanders west of Kiukiang and east of Hankow have been summoned to the conference which was called as Communists were reported to have stormed into Huangmei, 25 miles north of Kiukiang.

Reports from Hankow said that Hoshueh, a river port west of Hankow and 25 miles south-east of Shansi, has been recaptured by Government forces thus temporarily removing the gravest Communist threat to shipping west of Hankow.

However Communists still occupied territory within firing

H.K.-SHANGHAI HOTELS BONUS

The Directors of The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, announce that from the profit accruing from the sale of the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, it is their intention to recommend at the forthcoming Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company a bonus to Shareholders of \$2.50 per share.

range of the river.

Chienli, another river port 35 miles southeast of Hoshueh, is still under Communist siege but Red efforts thus far have been frustrated.

North of Chienli the Communists, who captured Chienchang last week, are now moving northwards towards Shayang, highway junction on the Hankow-Shansi highway. Shayang is 35 miles northeast of Shansi.—United Press.

ARREST

A 36-year-old Chinese male, dressed in European style clothing, was arrested by Chinese Revenue Office 147, at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station about 10 p.m. yesterday in possession of approximately 35 taels of raw opium. He is being detained by the Police and will appear before the Magistrate this morning.

Reminders

Today
Chinese Postal & Cable Censors (1035-41) New Year Re-union Dinner, Kowloon Tong Garden City Club, 7 p.m.

Younger Set Night Club, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Recital of Classical Music (Records), European YMCA, West Lounge, 8.15 p.m.

SATURDAY

Queen's College Speech Day, 26 Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Mr. Owl had dashed off to the woods, saying he would find someone to rescue Toddlies. Stopping beneath a tree he called out. Something stirred above.

Meanwhile Whisk sat down and was worrying about Toddlies. A little voice interrupted his thoughts, saying: "Cheer up! There sat Glim the Glowworm."

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SERGEANT FACES DANGEROUS DRIVING CHARGE

Hearing of a case in which Sgt. John Charles Kent, 983 Coy. R.A.S.C., Whitfield Barracks, is charged with dangerous driving at Castle Peak on Dec. 25 was commenced before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The case, according to Sub-Inspector F. Roberts, arose out of an accident near the 11-milestone at Castle Peak Road, near Tsun Wan, at 5.15 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Two vehicles were involved—one, military ambulance A3283 driven by defendant, and the other, private car 2903 driven by Mr. R. H. Nelson who had his wife and baby with him as passengers.

As the result of the accident, continued SI Roberts, the occupants of the private car received injuries. Mr. Nelson was still in hospital.

In the contention of the prosecution, said SI Roberts, the accident occurred as the result of defendant having driven at a dangerous speed.

A summons would be issued against Mr. Nelson for driving on a side other than the left side of the road, concluded the prosecuting officer.

A Gray Standard
Mr. H. A. Park, a missionary, testified to noticing a gray Standard passing the car park near the 11-milestone while he was about to turn back to Kowloon.

After turning his car, said witness, he proceeded about half a mile up the road when he came upon the scene of an accident, involving the same gray car he saw earlier and a military ambulance.

When he got up to the vehicles he saw a lady, a baby, and a man being extricated from the body of the car through the roof.

The front wheels of the ambulance were off the road, while the front part of the military vehicle was resting on the bonnet of the car.

Soon after, continued witness, a private car came along and the driver took the injured persons in to Kowloon. The ambulance driver got into a passing taxi and went to Castle Peak. Before he went off, the military driver backed the ambulance from the Standard car.

Witness went on to say that he took two photos of the scene. Due to his excitement he did

not turn the roll of film sufficiently, with the result that there was a double exposure.

Speed
In reply to Mr. A.S.C. Comber, for the defence, witness said he estimated the speed of the Standard at between 25 and 30 m.p.h. at the time it passed him at the car park.

As there was very little traffic at the time he would say that that was a reasonable speed, and that the utmost "safety speed" then would be 30 m.p.h.

At this stage, the Court adjourned to St. Teresa's Hospital to take the evidence of Mr. Nelson before proceeding to the scene of the accident.

Hearing will be resumed tomorrow afternoon.

Sudan Issue Revived

London, Jan. 6. Sir Robert Howe, the Governor-General of the Sudan, has presented his views to the Egyptian Government on proposals for constitutional reform in the Sudan, which had been worked out under his predecessor, Sir Hubert Huddleston, last July, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

The spokesman confirmed that Sir Robert, who is now on his way to London from Cairo, will also present his view to the British Government when he reaches this country.

He categorically denied reports that Sir Robert was coming here because of the differences between himself and the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ronald Campbell, who was recalled for consultation and reached Britain last weekend.

"From the point of view of British policy, it is an obvious advantage that both these officials should be in London at a time when the possibility of making a fresh attempt to revise the 1930 Anglo-Egyptian treaty which broke down on the Sudan issue, is under discussion," a Reuter.

Appeal For Children

Nanking, Jan. 7. Madame Chiang Kai-shek has agreed to become the chairman of the Chinese National Committee of the United Nations Appeal for Children which will be formed in the immediate future, according to an announcement by Mr. Sidney Hertzberg, the chief regional representative of the appeal in Asia.

Madame Chiang will also become a member of the international advisory committee for the appeal.

In accepting the leadership of the appeal, China's First Lady said: "The United Nations appeal for children is more than just another relief campaign. It is the opportunity for us to demonstrate our realization that the world is the individual concern of each one of us."

"The hope of a peaceful future for the world depends on today's children. We must, therefore, build the new generation to be sound in mind and body and ready to face successfully the great responsibilities of tomorrow."—Reuter.

FOOD PARCEL FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to Jan. 6, 1948 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press: Mr. M. T. Case \$20, Mrs. T. C. Wong \$5, Mrs. K. S. Shin \$5, Mrs. R. J. Wong \$5, Mrs. K. H. Ten \$5, Mr. H. T. Tai \$5, Mrs. P. K. Au \$10, Mrs. C. L. Li \$10, Mrs. Lambert Kwok \$10. Total donations received \$10,241.59.

Keyman In Indonesia WOMEN JURORS VERDICT WAS "GUILTY"



Negotiations opened between Indonesian Republicans and Netherlands delegates aboard the U.S. Army transport "Renville" on December 8 are still inconclusive. Here is a key figure—a new photograph of President Sukarno of the Republic of Indonesia.—A photo.

29 BLACKMARKETEERS FINED \$4,475

Fines totalling \$4,475 were imposed on 29 storekeepers in Kowloon by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr yesterday.

The highest penalty of \$400 was levied on Ho Chuen of the Hing Kee Store, 567 Shanghai Street, for selling a cake of toilet soap to inspectors Fung Kam-tin and C. C. Chan for 70 cents instead of at the controlled price of 60 cents.

Mr. J. H. G. Pitman, of the Price Control Office, informed the Court that the defendant had three previous convictions for profiteering. In Oct. 1946 he was fined \$10; in Jan. last he was also fined \$10; and in March 1947 the penalty was increased to \$25.

Out of the 29 summonses for excessive price charges, 12 were in respect of soap, five for fluorescent lamps, and three for other goods.

Summons
The summonses dealt with were: Radio City Sale & Service, 132 Nathan Road, \$75 for overcharging \$1.20 on a fluorescent lamp; Kow Wing shop of 51 Argyle Street was fined \$200.

A \$100 fine was imposed on the Sin Sin Wah Electrical Store, 141 Shanghai Street, for selling a fluorescent lamp for \$6.50 instead of \$6.30. The Chin Tung Kee of 16 Shanghai Street was fined \$50 for a similar offence.

An excessive charge of \$1.50 on a fluorescent lamp cost the Nam Chung shop of 87 Argyle Street \$200. Second offence.

Lee Hop Cheong Co., 23 Shantung Street, had to pay \$225 for 5 cents overcharge on a cake of toilet soap. Second offence.

Other profiteers in toilet soaps were Yung Sang shop of 172 Shanghai Street (20 cents excess) \$75; Kun Cheong Hong of 391 Shanghai Street (10 cents) \$150; Yuen Fong Co., 21 Han-Kow Road (10 cents) \$100; Wo Ping shop, 122 Laichuk Road (40 cents) \$50; Kong San shop, 412 Prince Edward Road (10 cents) \$75; The Sun Store, 302 Laichuk Road (10 cents) \$125; Tung Hing shop, 417 Shanghai Street (40 cents) \$175; and the Kent's Store, 1A Shantung Street (10 cents) \$100.

The Luen Hong Wo of 235 Cheung Sha Wan Road sold Lever's soap, the Koon Heung Shop of 314 Reclamation Street asked for, and was paid, \$1.20. The firm was fined \$275 by the Magistrate yesterday.

The On Hing of 305 Yu Chau Street was fined \$175 for selling a 25w electric bulb for \$3 (125). The Hung Tai Grocery Shop of 133 Tai Nam Street, and the Tak Tai shop of 42 Ngai Tin Wo Road, were each fined \$225 for overcharging 26 cents on a cake of flour; and the Wo Hing shop of 77 Woosung Street was fined \$200 for a 16-cent overcharge.

Dettol
The Leung Kwok Ying Drug Store, 404 Reclamation Street, was fined \$75 for selling a 4-oz. bottle of Dettol for \$2 (\$1.60), as was the Tin Tak Medicine Co. of 508A Nathan Road for an overcharge of 30 cents on the same product. The latter firm was fined an additional \$200 for a 40-cent excess charge on a cake of Neko soap.

A 10-cent overcharge on a tin of evaporated milk at the Yiu Cheong shop of 60 Shanghai Street \$200. The same penalty was imposed on the King's Bakery of 131 Shanghai Street for selling a tin of "Milo" for \$3 instead of \$2.60.

The Yu Fung Wo of 99 Prince Edward Road was fined \$150 for selling Nestle's malted milk for \$2.30 instead of \$2.20.

For selling a packet of cornstarch for \$1 (90 cents), the Chung Mei store of 493 Nathan Road was fined \$100.

The Yeung Tim Kee, 20 South Wall Road, was fined \$175 for selling a tin of "Ovaltine" for \$2.25 instead of \$2.10.

U.N.O. Assembly Search

Lake Success, Jan. 7. Secretary General Trygve Lie and a group of advisers will leave for Europe on Friday to inspect nominated sites for the United Nations General Assembly of 1948.

An associate said that Paris, Geneva, Brussels, the Hague and Prague all remained in the running.

A nine-nation Assembly Committee is to make the final decision by March. — Associated Press.

A verdict of guilty was returned by Hong Kong's first women jurors in a murder case yesterday. Li Chun, alias Ng Chun, Anti-Malaria Bureau coolie, charged with the murder of a fellow worker on July 28, was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams.

Li Chun, who listened to the sentence without showing any emotion, said he would appeal. The jury took just an hour, in arriving at the verdict, and were exempted from jury service for one year.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sub-Inspector G. E. Willerton; and accused was defended by Mr. Percy Chen.

The whole of yesterday morning was occupied with closing addresses by prosecuting and defence counsel.

Mr. Clifford urged that accused was a confirmed liar from beginning to end. He submitted that the motive of the crime was money and not a quarrel of wives.

His story of having been assaulted by deceased first was not substantiated by marks of injury after the crime, and he made no mention of this when first charged.

Mr. Percy Chen, for the defence, said that to establish a charge of murder, it was necessary for the prosecution to prove it to the hilt.

This he submitted, the Crown had utterly failed to do. "Drawing Room"

Accused and deceased were good friends and the fight which led to the death of deceased was a "drawing-room" fight between two friends, without malice—express or implied.

Turning to the weapons used, Mr. Chen submitted that there was no evidence to show that the knife produced in Court had anything to do with the case at all.

"The Crown has failed in its effort to prove implied malice."

Red Sea Crossing Theories

CAIRO, JAN. 6. NEW EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND SHOWING THAT MOSES AND ISRAEL PROBABLY CROSSED THE LAKE OF REEDS INSTEAD OF THE RED SEA IN THEIR FLIGHT FROM EGYPT TO THE PROMISED LAND, MR. WENDEL PHILIPS, LEADER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EXPEDITION SAID TODAY.

The common belief that the fleeing tribes crossed the Red Sea apparently has been disproved by a member of the expedition working under William B. Terry, who is now exploring the Sinai peninsula, across the Gulf of Suez from Egypt.

Mr. Philips said: "It is now certain that the Sea or Lake of Reeds which the Israelites were said to have crossed was not the modern Red Sea at all but a northerly body of water, probably the Lake of Reeds mentioned in Egyptian documents from time of the exodus."

"The biblical sea or Lake of Reeds generally has been identified with the Red Sea which name was later extended. Many scholars believed the north end of the Red Sea was much farther north in Biblical times than today, in which case the Israelites might have crossed by following the itinerary given in the Book of Exodus—United Press.

A Day Too Late
Jerusalem, Jan. 6. Moshe Lackman, 22, was the only known survivor of his family of seven. His parents, three brothers and two sisters were reported to be "liquidated" in a Polish concentration camp.

Moshe, escaped, was brought to Palestine in 1939 and has worked ever since on the Beit Yanni farm.

Last week, the Jewish Agency discovered his father among the Jewish illegal immigrants being held on Cyprus. The report of his death was erroneous.

A Jewish Agency representative went to the Beit Yanni farm to tell Moshe the good news. He arrived in time to attend Moshe's funeral. He had been killed the night before when Arabs ambushed a convoy of trucks.—United Press.

3 Firms Embroiled In Rubbish Dispute

Employees of three local firms were embroiled in a dispute over the dumping of rubbish in the lane between Exchange Building and Gloucester Hotel on Tuesday evening.

Tseng Tin-yiu (22) of the ABC Cleaning Service is alleged to have hit Shaif Ali, of the Gloucester Hotel, on the head with a half-brick, and Haddal Singh (19) of Lane Crawford's, is alleged by defendant Tseng to have struck him on the head with a torch.

Pending medical examination by Dr. Gould of Tseng's "Red wound," Mr. F. X. d'Almeida remarked: "It won't work."

Haddal Singh said that when he told Tseng not to throw rubbish into the gutter which he said belonged to Lane Crawford's, Tseng abused him in Chinese, which he understood.

Shaif Ali came on the scene and threatened to throw the brick. All said that Singh ran behind him and threw the brick. All said that Singh ran behind him and threw the brick.

After Tseng and Ali had demonstrated the position as alleged by Tseng, Mr. d'Almeida remarked: "It won't work."

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British Consul Disappears

Pittsburgh, Jan. 6. The police today disclosed that Alexander M. Galbreath, acting British Consul here, has been missing for six days.

His two daughters told the superintendent of police, Harvey Scott, that their father walked out of his office on December 31 and has not been heard from since.

The 50-year-old diplomat received notice from the British Foreign Office only a few hours before his disappearance that he would be "reinstated" from duty, effective on January 1.

One of his daughters, Jean, who served as his secretary, said her father had been in ill-health during the past two years.

The Congressional Directory of Foreign Consulates lists Galbreath as "acting Consul (honorary)" and a permanent successor was reported to be on his way from England.—United Press.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Motivational and H. Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—B.C. Transmission Service: Frederick Hays at the Organ.
1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.20 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—March Water and H. Orchestra in a Selection from Operas.
1.40 p.m.—Classical Music.
2.00 p.m.—Studio Talk: Journal presented by Philip Hays & Lindsay Benton.
2.30 p.m.—Studio Talk: Demi-Heroe.
2.40 p.m.—Classical Music: Angles (4) quad by Hays.
3.00 p.m.—London Radio: World and Home News.
3.10 p.m.—B.C. Transmission Service: T.M.A. with The Music.
3.40 p.m.—B.C. Transmission Service: "Picture Palace".
4.10 p.m.—Radio Magazine and H. Orchestra (Vocal Solo).
4.20 p.m.—B.C. Transmission Service: "Music in Minutes." B.C. Singers, Leon Rousseau (Soprano), Alfredo Casella (Tenor).
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4.40 p.m.—Studio Talk: Hays & Benton.
4.50 p.m.—Studio Talk: Demi-Heroe.
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5.10 p.m.—London Radio: World and Home News.
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6.50 p.m.—Studio Talk: Demi-Heroe.
7.00 p.m.—Classical Music: Angles (4) quad by Hays.
7.10 p.m.—London Radio: World and Home News.
7.20 p.m.—B.C. Transmission Service: T.M.A. with The Music.
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GOVERNMENT GENERAL CLERICAL SERVICE EXAMINATION

There are a number of
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Junior Grade of the Government
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2. Salary scale for male
clerks is \$1800 for 3 years then
\$1920-\$2680 x \$180 annually.
Opportunities exist for promotion
to higher classes with a
maximum salary of \$8160 a
year. Salary scale for female
clerks is \$1440 a year for two
year then \$1560-\$4800 x \$120
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3. A non-pensionable and
variable high cost of living
allowance is also payable. This
amounts at present to \$100 per
month on the minimum of the
scale for married male officers
with children; to \$80 per month
for married male officers with-
out children; and to \$60 per
month for unmarried officers.

4. There are opportunities for
promotion to an executive grade
of the General Clerical Service
for officers of ability. Such
promotion will depend on
examination and selection.

5. A competitive entrance
examination will be held in
February, 1948. Candidates are
required to be under the age of
35 years and to possess a Hong
Kong school leaving certificate
or a certificate recognized as
equivalent by the Director of
Education. The examination
will be divided into 5 parts,
General English; Dictation;
Elementary Arithmetic; General
Knowledge; Translation of
English to Chinese and vice
versa. As an alternative to the
translation papers, candidates
may take an examination in extra
English. Successful candidates
will be offered appointments in
the General Clerical Service
provided they are medically fit
and considered otherwise suit-
able.

6. Forms of application may
be completed in the office of the
Education Department, third
floor, Windsor House. Intending
candidates should call in person
on any weekday (except Satur-
day) between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
before 17th January bringing
with them their academic
certificates, two photographs
(passport size) and birth
certificates. Applications made
on or after 17th January will
not be accepted.

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ment, and Tyres, Tubes etc.

Tender forms, permission to
view and further particulars can
be obtained on application to
Section IIC Naval Store Depart-
ment, H.M. Dockyard, Hong
Kong between the hours of
9.30 a.m. — 11.30 a.m. and
2.00 p.m. — 4.00 p.m. on
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Our Private Exchange will be re-installed on
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Out of business hours: 30223 Outward Bills Dept.
30224 Chief Cashier
30225 Current Accounts
Dept.
30226 Resident Engineer
30227 Sub-Accountant
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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

From Monday, 11th January 1948, our telephone
number will be: 30221.

Hong Kong, 1st January 1948.

THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that
the ONE HUNDRED and
TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY
MEETING of Shareholders in
the Company, will be held at
the Office of the Company,
Queens Building, Victoria,
Hong Kong, on Monday, 12th
January, 1948, at NOON, for
the purpose of receiving a Re-
port of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts in
respect of 1946 and Re-electing
Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It is proposed to hold a meet-
ing on Thursday January 22nd
at 5 p.m. at the Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank (Mezzanine
Floor) to discuss the future of
the Society. All those who
have at any time served in any
capacity as Officers of the
Society or are otherwise
interested are invited to attend
and to send their names by
January 14th to Mrs. Mackichan

c/o A.S. MACKICHAN Esq.,
Leigh & Orange,
P & O Building,
HONGKONG.

NOTICE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Matriculation
Examination
June, 1948

Candidates are reminded that
all entries for the above
examination must be in the Re-
gistrar's hands by Monday,
February 2, 1948.

STANLEY V. BOXER,
Registrar.

7th January, 1948.

NOTICE

IN THE GOODS OF JEAN
BAPTISTE ETIENNE
RODERICK EGAL, late of
154, Austin Road, Kowloon
in the Colony of Hong
Kong, Merchant, deceased.

Any Creditor or person or
firm having any claim or de-
mand against the Estate of the
above named deceased, who died
at Hong Kong on the 29th day
of December, 1947, is requested
to forward the same, together
with full particulars, to the
undersigned, on or before the
28th day of January, 1948.

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Administrator.

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Water Supply

The public is hereby notified
that commencing on the 15th
January, 1948 and until further
notice, the Water Supply on the
Island and Mainland will be
shut off nightly between the
hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The public is warned that
every effort should be made to
save water whenever possible, as
ably by co-operation in this
respect, "can make" severe re-
strictions be avoided.

V. KENNIF,
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THE SECOND NUREMBERG Important Nazi War Crimes Trial Opens The Instigators Of Hitler's Crimes

Hamburg, Jan. 6.
Without the help of the 21 men who faced trial at
Nuremberg today, Hitler and Goering would
have been unable to prepare and carry out
their aggressive war. General Telford Taylor,
the chief United States prosecutor, declared in
opening the case against Freiherr (Baron)
Ernst von Weizsaecker, former State Secre-
tary at the German Foreign Office, and 20
other high officials, charged with sharing in
the general responsibility for war crimes.

"Secret" Leaks Out

Vienna, Jan. 6.
A leak of information of a
secret sudden exchange of Bri-
tish Army Forces special vou-
chers, introduced in the British
occupation Zone at midnight
last night in a surprise drive
against currency racketeers,
was stated today to have been
traced back to an American
official at Frankfurt.
The official informed an Am-
erican agency of the impending
change, of which he had been
officially notified by the British.
The leakage caused great
anxiety to British official circles
here.—Reuter.

Winnie On Upgrade

Martakesh, Jan. 6.
Mr. Winston Churchill spent
his first full day of relaxation
here today since he was confined
to his bedroom with bronchitis on
Boxing Day.

He spent several hours paint-
ing in the favorite valley in the
nearby Atlas Mountains.
He looked very well and was
smoking his usual cigar.

Lord Moran, Mr. Churchill's
physician, studied the X-ray plates
of his patient's chest at the
French hospital here again today
and was perfectly satisfied that
no further trouble was to be ex-
pected.—Reuter.

Peiping Railway Mined

Peiping, Jan. 7.
Communist land mines blew
up a freight train on the Pei-
ping-Tientsin railroad yesterday
about 25 miles from Peiping,
causing a disruption of traffic
for 10 1/2 hours.

Last night a coal train was
blown up on the Peiping-Muk-
den railroad about 35 miles
northeast of Tientsin.

Reels all last night attacked
the village of Yashuifu, 60
miles southwest of Peiping, but
retreated at daybreak. Nationalist
planes strafed them as they
fled.—Associated Press.

Tokyo Party Split

Tokyo, Jan. 6.
The Liberal Party said in a state-
ment today that it will join the
battalions of the Social Democratic
Party in a movement to crush the
Katsuyama Cabinet after the Diet re-
convenes on January 21.
The statement, issued by the
party executive secretary, Hanboku

Ohno, said the party will demand that
the Katsuyama cabinet assume res-
ponsibility for the "failure" of the
Government's policies thus far.—
United Press.

Without their administration and
implementation, without the direc-
tives and orders which they prepared,
no Hitler and no Goering could
have planned and waged an aggres-
sive war; no 11 million could have
wiped out 6,000,000 Jews and other
victims of Nazi aggression and
ideology.

Terrorism, kidnapping, blackmail
and murder were frequently em-
ployed as weapons in the Nazi di-
plomatic arsenal.—Reuter.

General Taylor further alleged that
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would be handicapped by the lack
of trust in Germany for many years
ahead.

The 21 accused represented all the
most important branches of the
Third German Reich with the ex-
ception of the military, the prosecu-
tor said.

Eight of them were diplomats "in-
vested with the greatest political
power." Six of these had been the
"most important instruments in the
process of turning Germany into a
monstrous war machine."

Six of the accused—Dr. Heinrich
Lammers, former Reich Minister
and head of the Reich Chancery, Dr.
Wilhelm Stuckardt, former Secretary
of State in the Ministry of the In-
terior, Dr. Otto Dietrich, former
Nazi Press Chief, Count Schwerin
Von Kropitz, former Reich Minister
for Finance, Herr Paul Koerner, in
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and Dr. Pfeleig, Chairman of the
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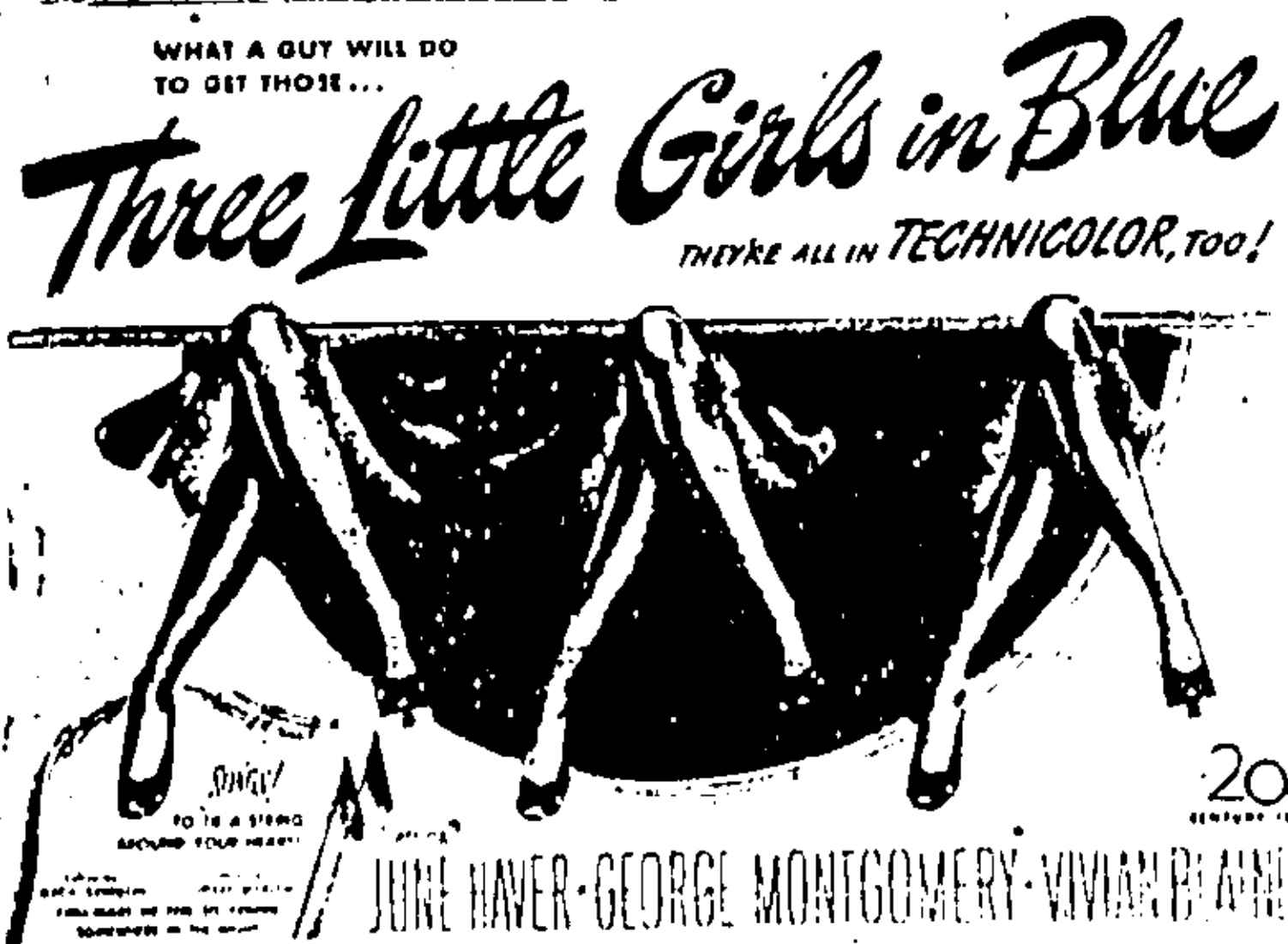
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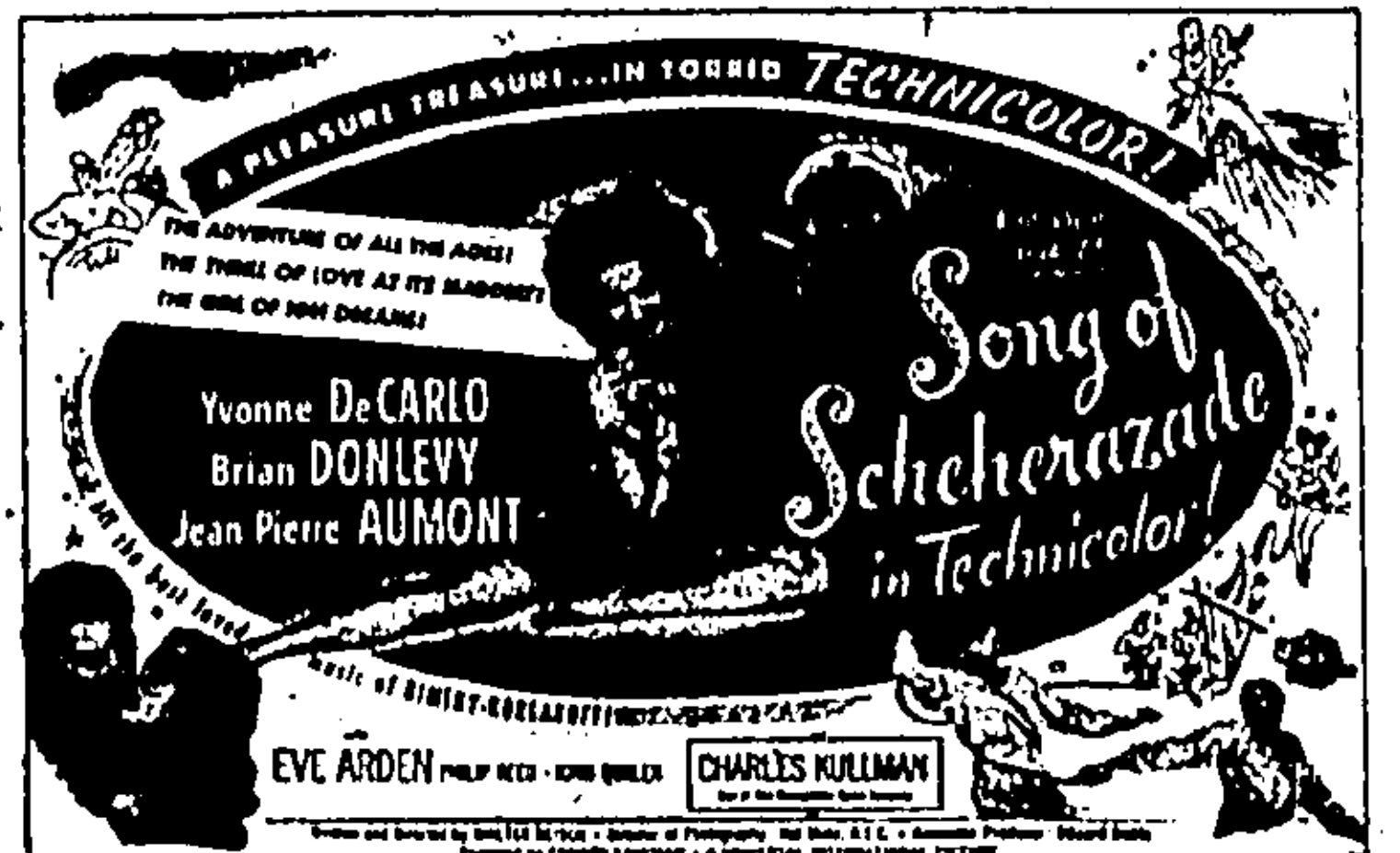


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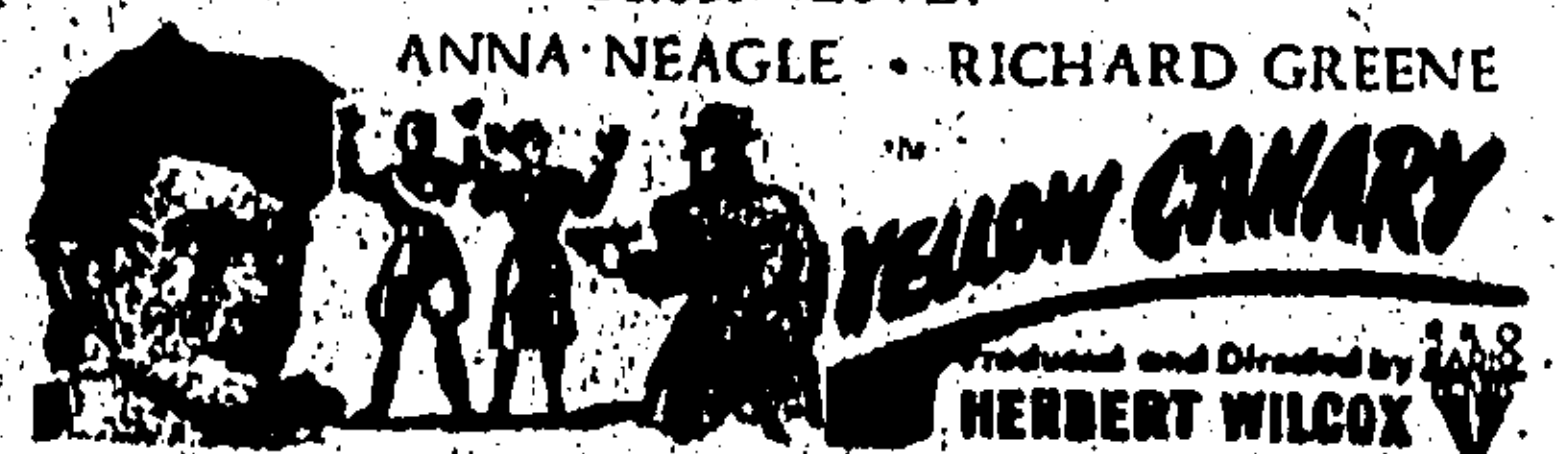
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The agreement by which last week the Legation Quarter in Peking was handed over to the administration of the local Chinese authorities ends another chapter in Sino-foreign relations. The last vestige of extraterritoriality in China has disappeared.

It may, at this time, be pertinent to point out that extraterritoriality was not imposed upon China by the Western World. It was a typical Chinese device which traders from overseas were obliged to accept as a condition of commercial intercourse. The system worked reasonably well in the nineteenth century and it is difficult to see what other device could have made even restricted commercial intercourse possible between two civilisations so profoundly different in their ideas of the nature of law and organisation of society. It was only when the Chinese conception of law as a code of moral behaviour began to yield to the Western theory that law is a set of definite rules enforceable by prescribed sanctions, that the original justification of extraterritoriality passed away.

Gradually too the system became identified in patriotic minds as a visible symbol of China's weakness and an arbitrary limitation of sovereignty. Its total abolition was demanded with increasing insistence by all who saw in Dr. Sun Yat-sen the prophet of a reborn and unified China.

The Western powers might well have recognised sooner the strength of the psychological forces which underlay the struggle against 'unequal treaties.' As it was, the disturbances to which the revolution gave birth, lent to the extraterritoriality of the concessions—peaceful oases in a chaotic continent—a spurious if unequal justification.

Only in the second World War did it become apparent that the traditional relations between China and the West had become outmoded. The first fruits of a fresh approach was the renunciation of extraterritoriality. The ceremony in Peking has closed a chapter of Chinese history which probably lasted too long.

Greek Threat

While there is no confirmation of reports that Britain intends to increase the strength of British forces in Greece, consent of the United States to the transfer of aid funds from civil to military purposes is indicative of the importance attached to the setting up of a revolutionary government in Greece.

The real reason for the Markos move has, obviously, little to do with the internal politics of Greece. The decisive factor is Russia's general policy in Eastern Europe, of which the Greek step is but one aspect of the measures deemed necessary to ensure the failure of the Marshall Plan.

Like the dismissal of King Michael of Rumania and the attempt to break the last independence of the Christian Democrats in the Russian zone of Germany, intensification of the Greek struggle has one aim only in view—to stamp out Western influence in Eastern Europe.

The collapse of the French strike and the ineptitude of Communist manoeuvres in Italy cannot fail to suggest to the Kremlin that economic sabotage, trade union action and general but unco-ordinated political agitation are not sufficient to secure the halting of the Plan. But if minor disruptions do not have the hoped-for effect the Russians face the dilemma: can they afford to see the Plan succeed in the face of their much advertised opposition; if not, what stronger steps can they take to destroy it? It is on this issue that the Greek civil war may become the test case.

That any country should be at war, and that other countries should regard that war as something after six years of bloodshed and

FOR BRITAIN A YEAR OF PROGRESS

By Dr. George Gretton

For the British people the year 1947 ended on a crescendo of progress. Production in basic industries, coal, steel and textiles is moving steadily upwards.

The year began under less favourable auspices. Early in 1947 British plans for reconstruction were put seriously out of joint by unforeseen difficulties. In the first place, it became evident then that reconstruction in other countries—particularly Europe—was not keeping pace with the British reconstruction effort. British effort has been keyed throughout to world reconstruction since the British view is that no country can work in a vacuum and that prosperity is indivisible. At about the time when it became clear that Britain's trading partners in Europe were taking longer than had been calculated to recover from the ravages of the second World War Britain ran up against handicaps of nature. Unusually severe frost paralysed transport long enough to eat into the slender margin of fuel reserves and the floods which followed the thaw caused havoc over a wide area of agricultural land. Not only were crops but an immense toll taken of farming stocks.

British Recovery

The recovery which Britain has made, from this bitter spite of fortune, added to the calculated difficulties of postwar reconstruction, has been sensational. Steel production is at present higher than it has ever been. Coal production is higher than it has been since the first year of the second World War. Other important industries are touching new records and it is estimated that overall industrial production is between 10 and 20 per cent higher than in 1939. How has this advance come about in the face of all handicaps imposed by six years of total war and its aftermath? It is doubtful whether any people who have the right to elect and dismiss their rulers have ever submitted to such stringent demands on their energy and patience as have Britain's people during the past eight years. No doubt the explanation lies partly in their combative instinct for they are at their best when given real and challenging problems with which to cope. But I think this is only part of the answer. Britain's people have been able to achieve so much in the past

12 months primarily because they are satisfied—consciously or subconsciously—that they are working to secure worthwhile social and economic standards—in fact to create what philosophers have often called "the good society."

Alien Concept

The theory that one generation should be sacrificed at the behest of an arbitrary authority to ensure putative benefits for some generation or generations as yet unborn is a concept alien to the British way of life. But Britons, who are a hardheaded people, are prepared to endure hardships and self-denial if they can see clearly ahead a better society for themselves and their children to inhabit. I believe that today they can see their way to a better, fairer, more dignified way of life than the world has ever seen. That is why they are responding to demands which their elected Government is making on their energy and resources. They would not be prepared to do this, however, unless they were sure of their ground. They are sure of their ground because they can see evidence of the shaping of a new society and a new conception of the relation between man and man and between man and the State.

During 1947 even the most cautious and sceptical people have been given evidence that social and political history is being made in Britain. In the first place a great revolution in standards of living has taken place. It is no discredit to peoples of other countries to say that almost everywhere where the second World War has directly hit national economies there has been grievous hardships for the poorer classes. On the Continent of Europe in particular where war had its most immediate impact we find grave discrepancies in standards of living as between the wealthier minority and the poorer majority. In Britain, on the other hand, during 1947 that lower income groups have improved their position relatively to high income groups since the second World War. Intense inflationary pressure created in Britain by the almost total switchover from consumer to war production for several years has been checked and held in such a way that no single citizen in Britain need go hungry or need want for necessities as a result of it. Prices have been held below world prices by a carefully regulated system of rationing, price control and subsidisation of foodstuffs.

Social Standards

At the same time new social and industrial standards have been created. Forms of industrial democracy have grown up in Britain which give every worker a real stake in his occupation and have abolished the old anachronistic relationship of

employer and employed. New Development Joint Consultation or Joint Production Committees have been consolidated as part of the structure of British democracy during this year. The attitude of man to job and of industry to man has finally been established on a human and social basis.

Side by side with this development we have seen consolidation of social progress which began long ago but which has been most clearly manifested in implementation during the past two or three years of the Beveridge Plan. This year has seen final completion of the massive structure of national and social services which guarantee security for every citizen in Britain. Last November Mr. Aneurin Bevan, brought forward the National Assistance Bill, which covered all the ground left by previous social security bills—the National Insurance and National Health Service Acts and the Industrial Injuries Act.

Security

With this final achievement Britain's social security was complete. Any worker in the country knows that come what may he is protected against all hazards of sickness, unemployment or ill fortune. He can see himself as a member of a great community which takes responsibility for him and will see that he does not starve. He knows, too, that this great concept of social community is based upon the practical need to contribute as well as to receive. It is because the great mass of the British people of whatever class or social group grasped this principle of interaction of rights and responsibilities that they are willing to throw themselves into the battle for reconstruction. In this sense the moral and material interaction and the success of Britain's material reconstruction has social and moral roots and deep significance for the people of every country in the critical state of the world today.

Japanese Lottery Fortunes

By EARNEST HOMERIGHT

If you were holding a winning lottery ticket that would make you a millionaire, how long would it take you to claim your prize? Anywhere but in Japan the answer would be: "No long, brother." But it seems to be different story here.

Right now there are still five Japanese somewhere in this country with tickets worth 1,000,000 yen each. That's about \$200,000 in American money at the U.S. Army conversion rate.

At least four other lucky Japanese are holding tickets worth 100,000 yen each. These guys seem to be hiding out. This particular group were the winners of a big Christmas lottery and have not shown up yet to claim their winnings.

You could sum it up by saying the Japanese are great gamblers but are reluctant to show up to claim the pot. The Christmas lottery was just one of many "last year the Government and prefectural authorities sold lottery tickets amounting to nearly \$500,000,000 yen. This was 79.6 per cent of all tickets offered for sale.

On its regular cost, the national treasury was made the richer by 1,300,000,000 yen. The Government made a little extra by happening to hold one of the big winning tickets. A lot of people are still rather bitter about this.

Various prefectural Governments and nearly 600,000,000 yen worth of tickets. The sale, from these prefectural lotteries, enabled the authorities to set up six hospitals, 25 schools, 15 research institutions and libraries, 19 bridges and 2,647 dwellings.

One of the million-yen winners was the wife of a wealthy Osaka contractor. Another million-yen winner was a 19-year-old village boy who said he "knew a little about the game." One young fellow was told by a fortune teller that he had the winning ticket. When it turned out that the fortune teller was wrong and that he did not win a fortune, he committed suicide.

There was a great outcry at my house when I told the story. My wife said: "The whole thing is a scam. The Government is using the lottery to get money to run the war. The Government is using the lottery to get money to run the war. The Government is using the lottery to get money to run the war."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Try next door—I borrow his and it's terrible!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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WHATS THE BIG HURRY?

Striving to gain a reputation for having a quick mind may be all right in some circumstances. But doing it at the bridge table is likely only to advertise your inferiority complex and cost you plenty of points. The player who gives the game the attitude to which it is entitled will seldom embark on the very first plan of play he sees, which can make his contract if it works. He first takes a look to see if there is some better and surer way to attain his objective, then selects the course which seems best in the premises.

If South had used his brain better, he would have seen several alternatives. First, if he was going to be a finesse hound, he should have taken another trump trick first. But better still would have been to discard his losing club on the spade K, then cross-ruff hearts and clubs, drop the final trump and then cash the set-up hearts for the final trick.

Call that terrible carelessness if you wish, but we know you have seen just as careless play, and also that every one of us has been guilty of it upon occasion.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 762
H K 848
D K
C A Q 7 5 2
SKJ9
HJ975
DJ863
C1093
N W E
S CKJ8
S A 10 5 4 8
H 6
D A Q 10 9 5
C 6 4

(Dealer: East, North-South vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass 1 H Pass 2 C
Pass 2 D Pass 3 D
Pass 3 H Pass 3 NT
Pass 6 D

Pairs that tried 6-No Trumps on this duplicate deal failed to make their contracts. The pairs that reached diamond slams made them, except for one declarer who tried to show his speed. Mr. Hurry won the diamond 3 lead with the A after West

After South ruffs the second heart, how should he try for his 4-Spades vulnerable.)

Washington, Jan. 6.

Increase In Greek Army Planned

Development of plans for a large scale Greek army offensive next spring to try to smash the guerrilla movement was strongly indicated by the State Department today.

The indication came in a statement explaining American support of an increase in the Greek Government armed forces and the diversion of \$55,000,000 in American aid funds from civilian to military purposes to finance the increase.

The action will "considerably strengthen the Greek national guard as well as the national army," the State Department said and thus will "free the Greek national army from static defense tasks for mobile operations against the guerrillas."

The Athens Government announced last night that the American approval of the Greek plan would be boosted by 10,000 men to a total of 50,000, and the army by 15,000 men to a total of 132,000.

"These increases have been regarded as a matter of urgency by the Greek Government," the State Department said. The plan was approved by Dwight D. Eisenhower, American administrator at Athens, the Department reported, only after consulting the American military mission in Greece. The plan was also approved by the Greek Government, the Department said.

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Australia On Heard Island

Commenting on the Australian occupation of Heard Island, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ben Chifley, told the Australian parliament that the expedition was empowered to survey all possibilities for air bases in the Antarctic.

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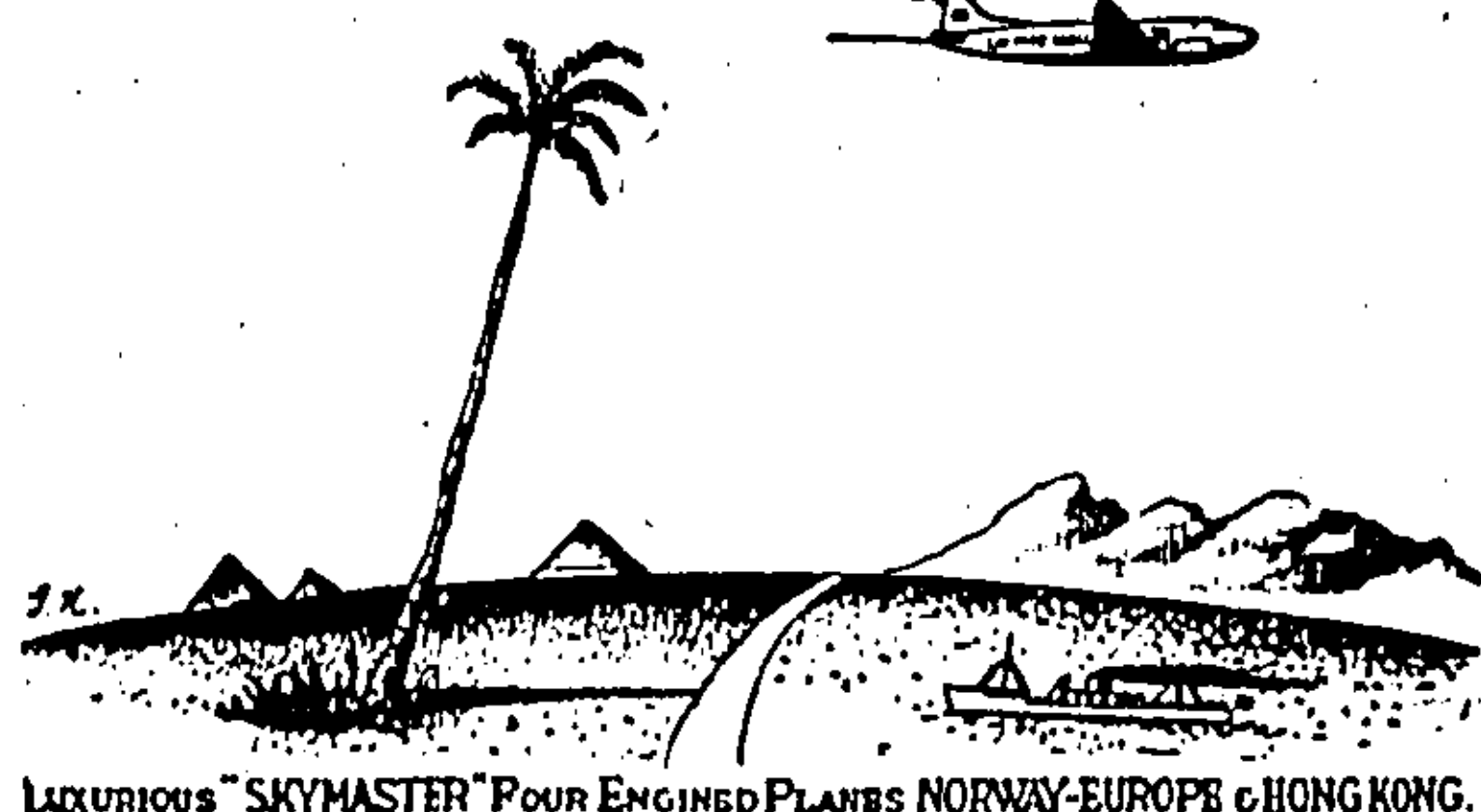
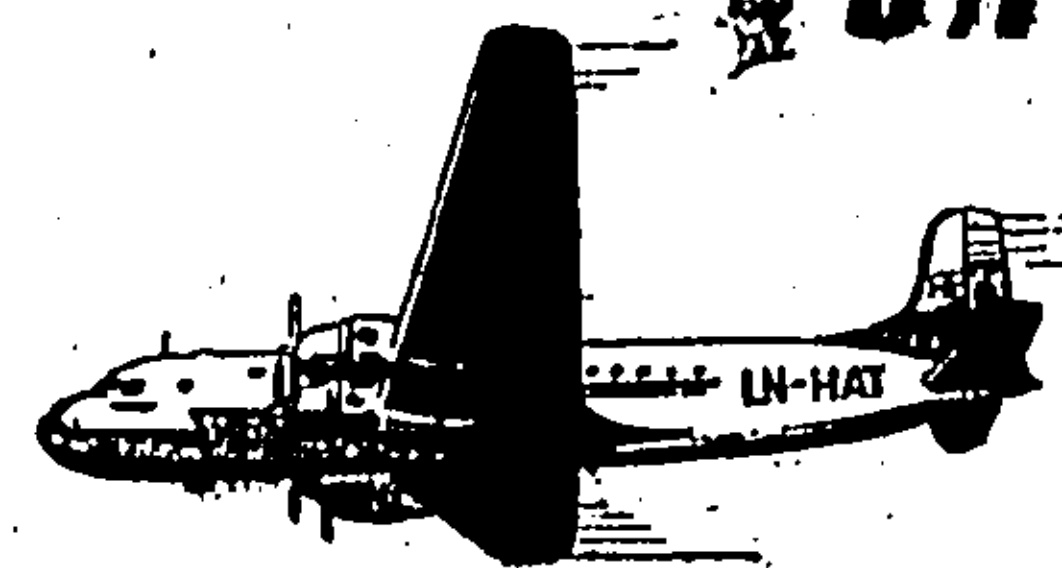
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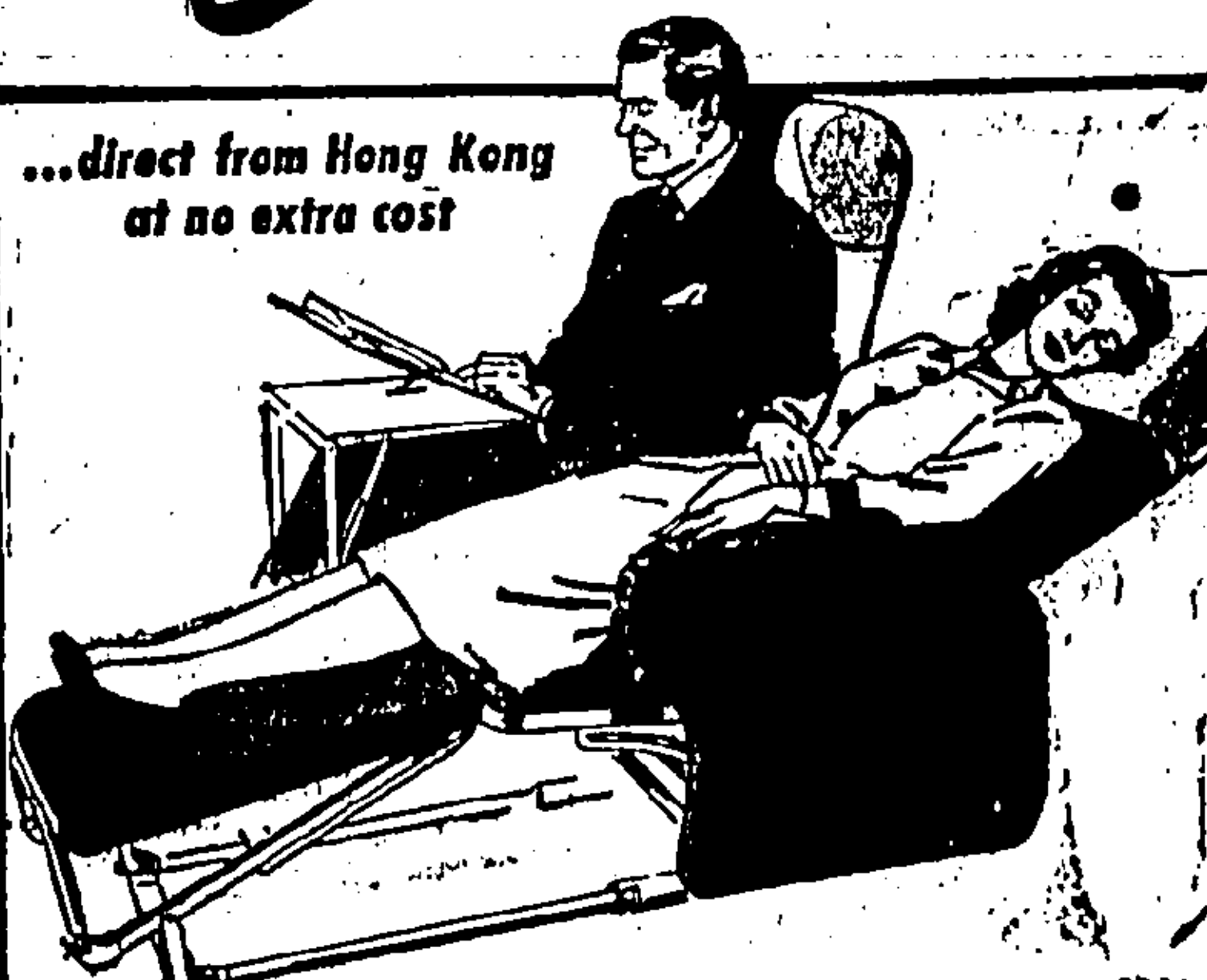
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CHINA'S CLAIM TO AID

Mission Leaving Shortly For Washington

Two Billion Dollars Would Do, Says Dr. Chang

Washington, Jan. 6.

"Within a week" the Chinese Government will present the United States with a programme for further American assistance to China, said Dr. Carson Chang, chairman of the Chinese Democratic Socialist Party.

In an exclusive interview, the so-called author of China's new constitution said, "China will tell the United States its situation, what China can do to help itself, and propose what the US do to supply further assistance China needs."

Chang said he was speaking unofficially. He expressed the opinion that the Minister of Communications, David Yue, is likely to head the mission.

Chang explained: "Yue, and the Secretary of State, George Marshall, worked together when General Marshall was in China." Chang said he did not know just when the mission would leave China "if it has not already left."

It will present a programme for China's rehabilitation which is the outgrowth of an investigation by a five-man board that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appointed some time ago. Chang declined to forecast what the mission would tell the US Government. He said "financial reorganisation and currency stabilisation are the fundamentals of China's needs."

Chang estimated that "US\$400,000,000 would stabilise Nanking currency."

Referring to present discussions in Washington on the Marshall Plan for Europe, Carson Chang said: "About one and a half or two billion dollars would do everything China needs."

Dr. Carson Chang is proceeding to Seattle, where he is lecturing at the University of Washington for two months on China's new constitution.—Associated Press.

Leopold Demands Plebiscite

BRUSSELS, JAN. 6.

KING LEOPOLD, OF THE BELGIANS, NOW LIVING IN EXILE IN SWITZERLAND, HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS BELIEVED TO INSIST THAT THE QUESTION OF HIS RETURN BE PUT TO A POPULAR VOTE. IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED HERE TODAY.

It is believed here that the king's message, which is to be discussed by the Belgian Cabinet on Friday, may endanger M. Paul Henri Spaak's 10-month-old two-party Coalition Government of Socialists and Social Christians.

The Socialists have, in the past, been opposed to the king's return, which the Social Christians favour.

The king has demanded, it is believed, that the issue of his return be put to a popular vote rather than be held over to become the main issue in the next general elections, due in 1950.—Reuter.

Ex-King Michael And Whisky Arrive

Lausanne, Jan. 6.

Ex-King Michael and his mother, Queen Helen, rested in their rooms today after their two-day journey from Rumania, while the personal belongings which the King and his suite had been allowed to take from Rumania were unloaded in Lausanne station.

Three cars and a jeep, some cases of whisky and wine, three sporting rifles and the ex-King's sign and motorcycle were among the luggage unloaded from three of the eight dark green coaches of the special Rumanian train.

Reports that the daughter and grandson of M. Tatarascu, former Rumanian Foreign Minister, were on the train were denied by Major Jacques Vergès, Michael's Aide. He said: "The only child on board was the son of M. Negroponte, Administrator of the King's Estate, whose brother married the daughter of M. Tatarascu."

Later, the ex-King issued an official denial of reports that he had left Rumania "just to be free and enjoy himself and get married."

Two members of his suite said the ex-King also wished to deny press reports that he had left Rumania with the train loaded with valuables and that he had brought out a lot of money. Also that his train was filled with refugees from the new Rumanian regime.

Still King

"In fact the Royal party consists simply of the ex-King, Queen Helen, eight other people and four servants," said the aide. The train was "a train of state," he said, and will probably return to Rumania.

King Michael, who abdicated only under pressure, fully intends to return to Rumania, an authoritative source told Reuter today. "In these circumstances he will remain the King of the Rumanians," said the source, adding: "It is plain that Michael's entourage continued to refer to him as the King."

Prince Nicolas, uncle of the King, told Reuter that Michael's two sons, Prince Elisabeth of Rumania, the widow of King Carol II, the eldest son, Archduke Michael, wife of Archduchess Anna of Hungary, were expected to leave Rumania for Switzerland this weekend.

The King will probably make no

statement in Lausanne, he said. Meanwhile, a report from Copenhagen states that Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma after a telephone conversation with ex-King Michael tonight, agreed to leave on Friday or Saturday next for Lausanne where their wedding date would be decided upon, it was learned.—Reuter.

Siamese Prince Killed

Bangkok, Jan. 6.

Prince Chetanskorn Vorivarn, who took a small part in the film "Anna and the King of Siam," has died in hospital here of injuries sustained when his tricycle collided with a car, it was learned today.

The Prince was the brother of a Siamese author. He recently completed a Siamese film here. The accident occurred last Saturday but the identity of the Prince was not disclosed until last night.—Reuter.

Manila Murder Drama Sentences

Manila, Jan. 7.

Ricardo Parulan, young former guerrilla officer, and his sweetheart, pretty United States born Gloria Caballero, were sentenced to death by the Court of the First Instance today for the kidnap-murder of Arthur Lee, Gloria's Chinese lover, on June 10 last year.

Crisanto Santos, driver of the car, was sentenced to 8-14 years, while three other defendants were acquitted for lack of evidence.

The principals in the biggest local crime story of 1947 were arrested a few miles north of Manila following a 17-day manhunt.

The death sentences are subject to review by the Supreme Court and must be ratified unanimously by the highest tribunal.

Gloria sobbed: "I am innocent," and nearly fainted when sentence was read into yesterday.

Parulan shook hands with the judge, saying, "I knew it was coming all along."

The sentence said the evidence showed that Gloria was a willing partner in the crime.—United Press.

Attempt On Nizam's Life

Hyderabad, Jan. 6.

The trial of persons accused of being involved in the attempt to kill the Nizam of Hyderabad early last month began here yesterday when two men, whose names were given as Narayan Rub and Gundiah, appeared before the Chief Magistrate.

Accused, it was alleged, had been practising in Solapur, Bombay Presidency, to hit a running car with a hand grenade as part of the plot to kill the Nizam, who escaped unhurt when a bomb was thrown at his car near his palace in Hyderabad on December 4.—Reuter.

Iraq Army Celebration

Baghdad, Jan. 6.

The Iraq Army today celebrated its 26th anniversary.

Shakir Alwadi, Minister of Defence, who left today for London with the Iraqi delegation for discussions on the revision of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty, said: "I assure the nation that Iraq has one of the best armies in the Middle East."

Mr. E. L. Busk, British Embassy Counsellor, acting as Ambassador, will leave soon for London in connection with the treaty talks. It was reliably understood, however, that the Iraqi delegation today after the Ministry of Education, ordered the suspension of all studies in law colleges.

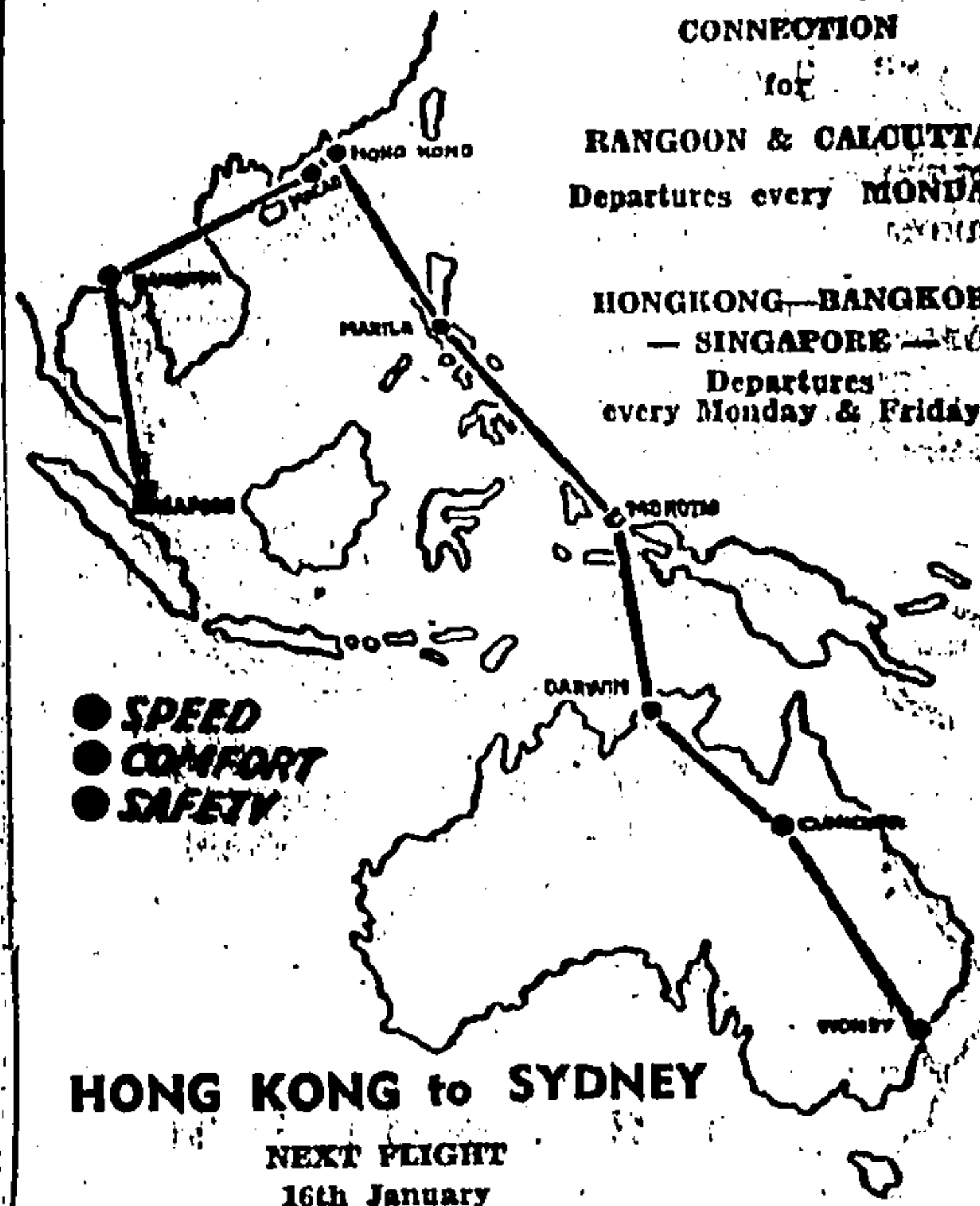
The trouble arose from a report that Dr. Fadil Jammal, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, had stated that criticism of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty was sheer party politics, while certain members of Parliament criticised the reported statement, the Prime Minister said: "I am unable to believe truth of this story."—Reuter.

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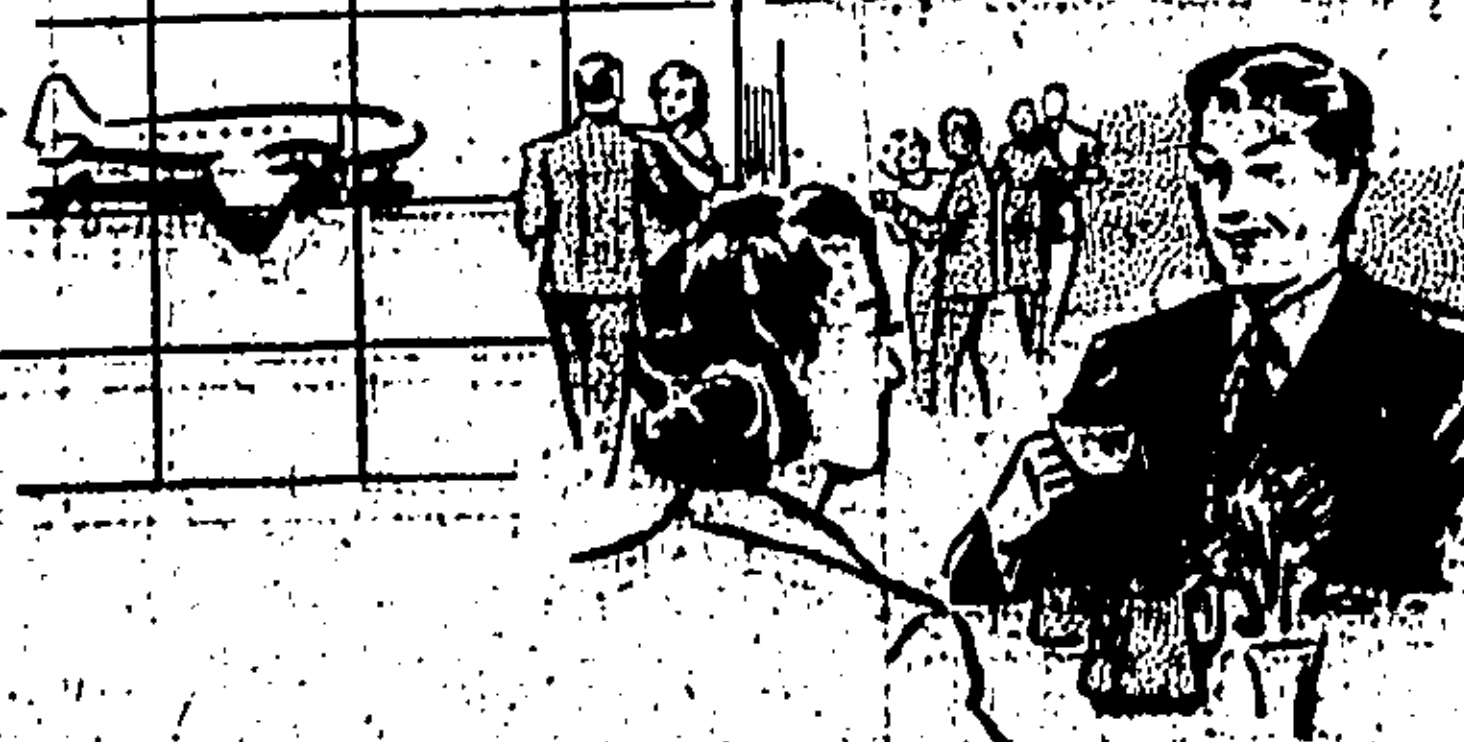
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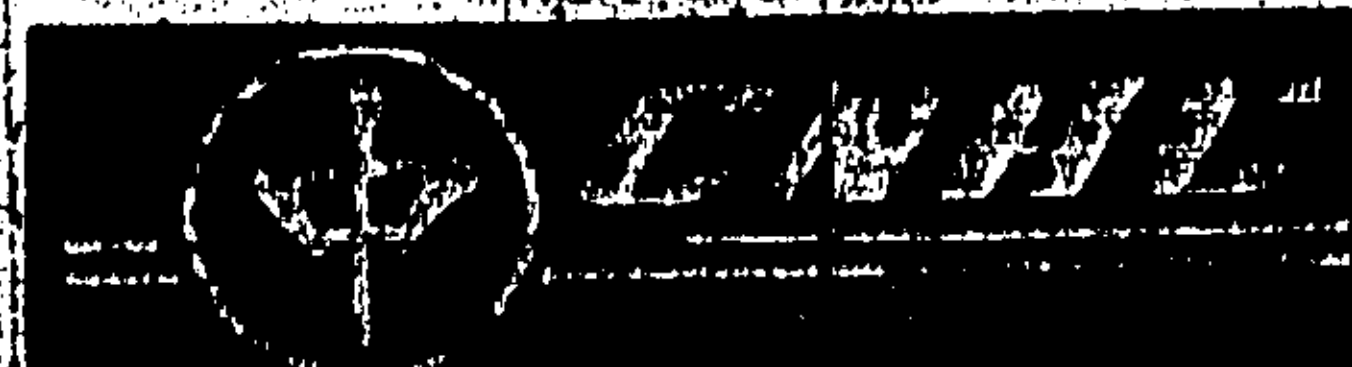
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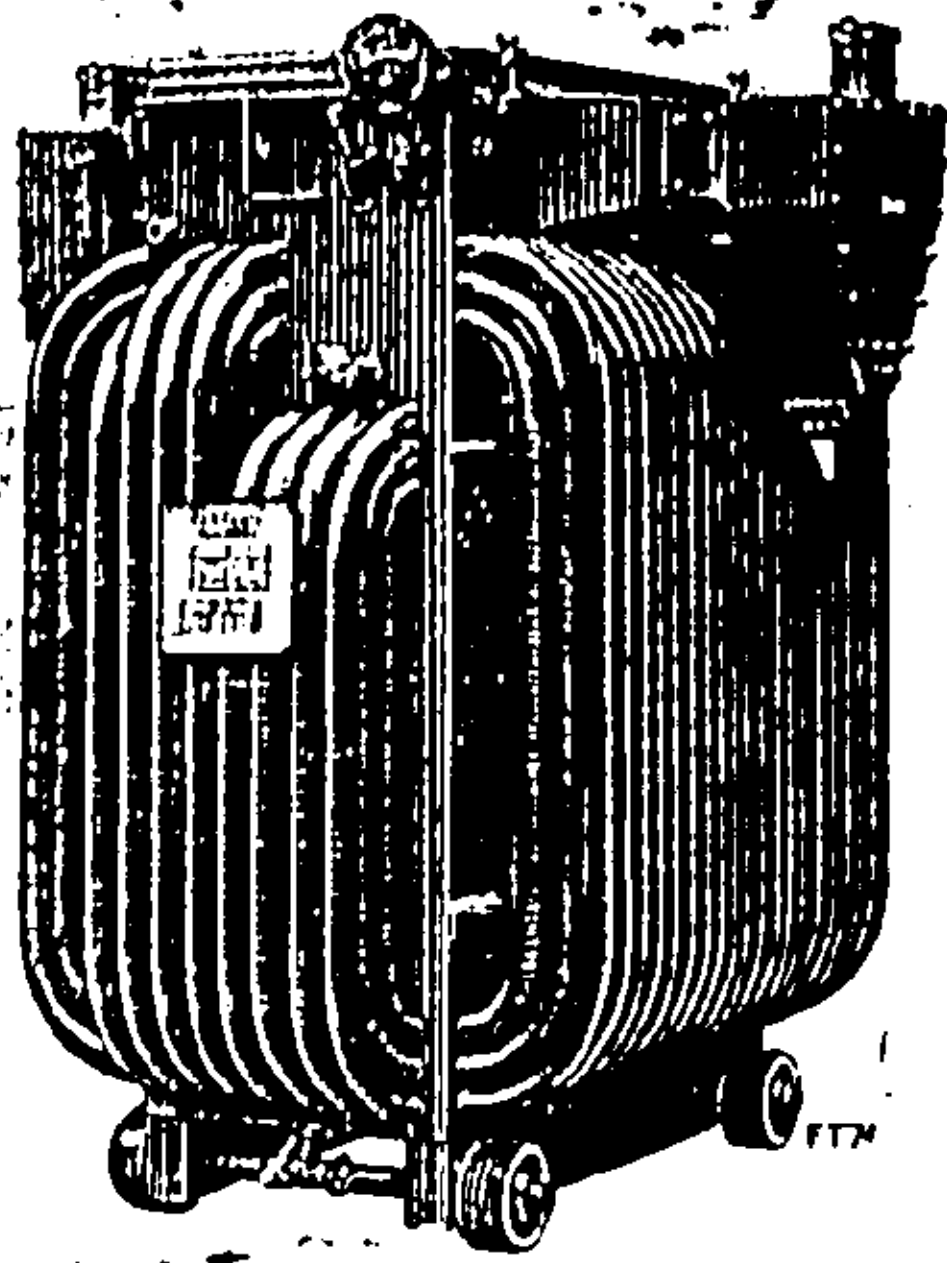
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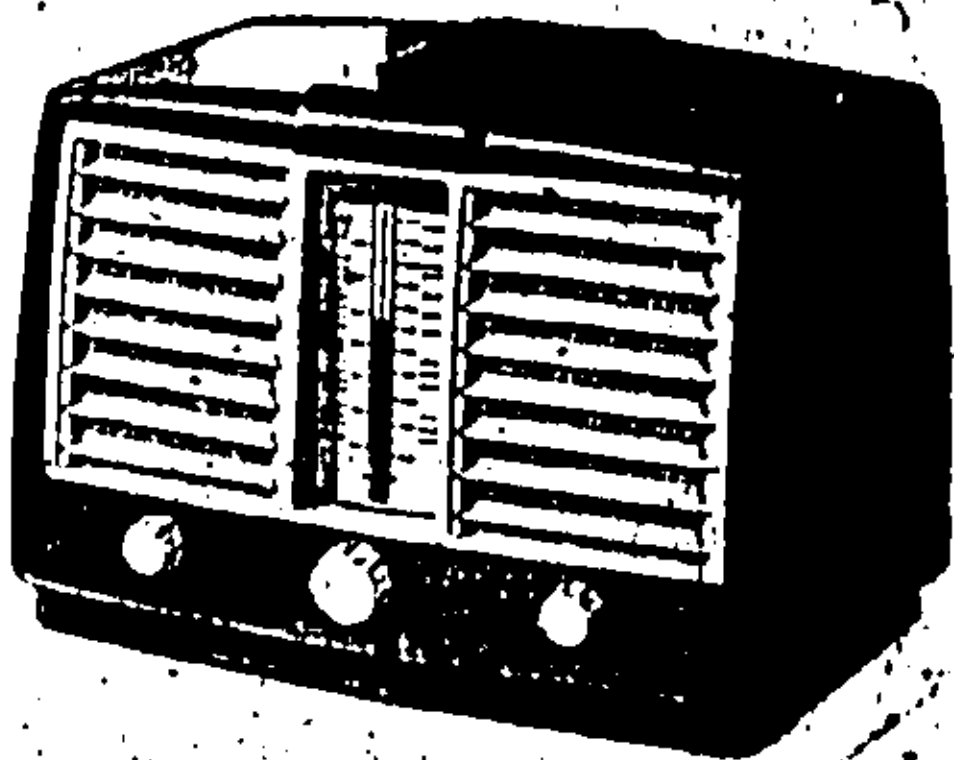
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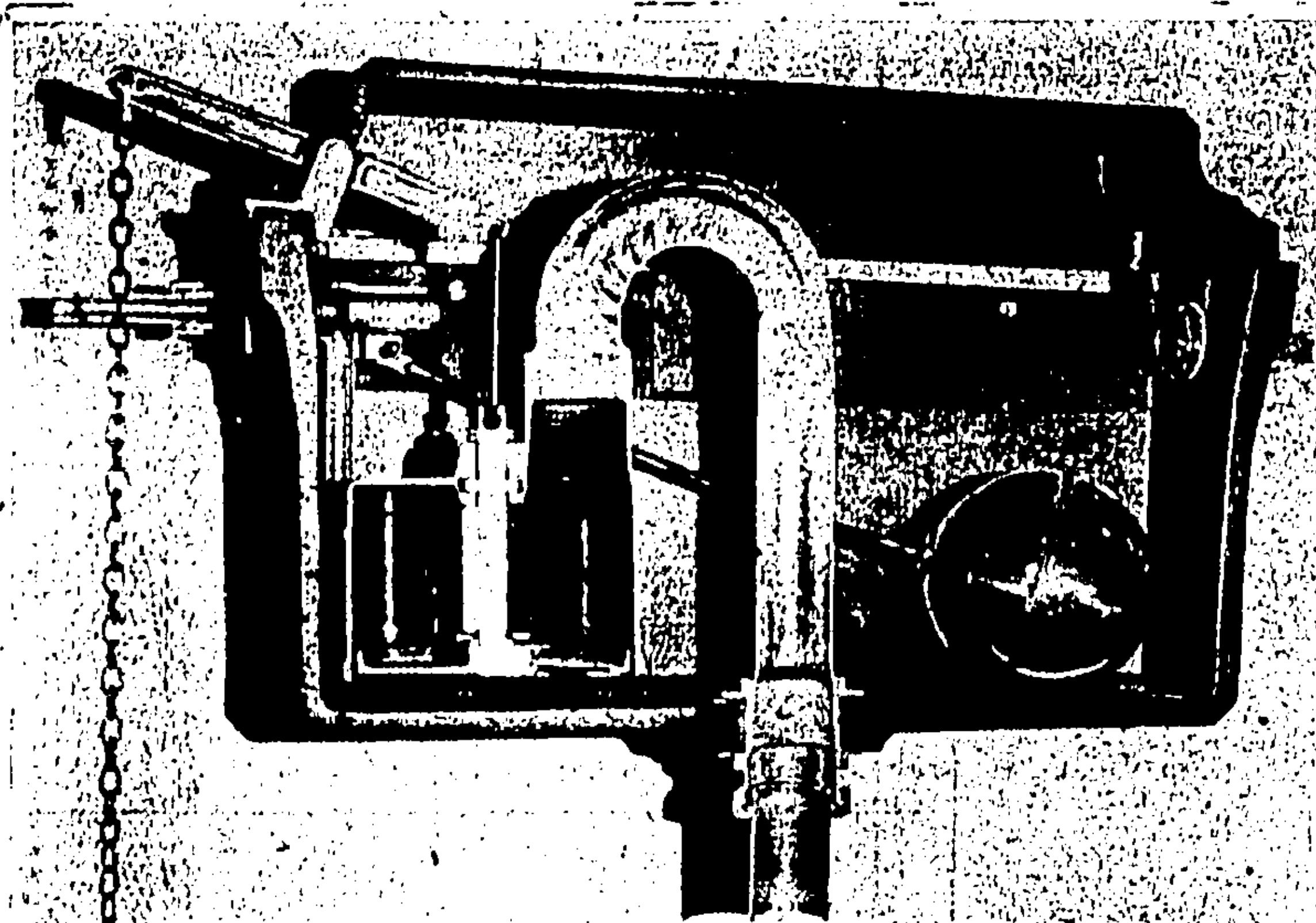
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SEEN AT OLYMPIA



Water-waste-preventer flushing cisterns in moulding plastic were on view during the Building Exhibition at Olympia. The new cisterns are reported to be silent, efficient, reliable and durable. The syphons and fittings are designed on sound engineering principles with all bearing surfaces accurately machined and the discharge is practically inaudible. The syphon bodies are of non-corroding antimonial lead alloy and the piston rods are of brass. Both low-level and high-level cisterns have a capacity of three gallons.

Flexible Fuel Tank

Safety and fuel capacity in aircraft have been considerably increased by the development in Great Britain of a new type of flexible fuel tank. Evolved from the war-time need to bullet-proof the usual tanks, these fuel "cells" (as they are called) provided a high degree of protection against fire in crash or heavy landings, and allow maximum use of the space available for carrying fuel.

Marston Excelsior Ltd., a subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., was responsible for the design of the cell, which is known as the "Marflex", and the combined research experience of no fewer than six I.C.I. Divisions went to the production of suitable materials for it.

The idea of constructing a flexible, non-metallic fuel tank goes back to the 1914-1918 war, but nearly twenty years passed before a suitable material was found. This was "Neoprene" (a synthetic rubber manufactured by du Ponts in the United States), which was used by the Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore in the development of their "Mareng" fuel cell—a tank so constructed that its surrounding supporting structure relieved the walls of the cell of all tension.

In 1940, the sole "Mareng"

manufacturing rights for Great Britain and other countries were acquired by I.C.I., who had been examining the potentialities of the flexible cell following their researches into the bullet-proofing of metal tanks.

In the early days of the war, self-sealing was mainly achieved by layers of solid natural rubber fixed to the outer wall of metal tanks. At first, I.C.I. concentrated on the development of a lighter and more efficient, cellular type of sponge rubber, and on a synthetic form of sponge when the natural product became scarce. In 1940, with the acquisition of the rights of the American "Marong" cell, Marston Excelsior began experiments with flexible fuel tanks of "Neoprene"-coated fabric shaped on wooden frames, the material being made by the Leatherstock Division of I.C.I. A great deal of research was necessary to establish the best combination of fabric and "Neoprene". The result was "Neoprene T.F.I.", a material consisting of three plies of fabric and two layers of the synthetic rubber.

"Marflex"

This "Neoprene" flexible tank—christened "Marflex"—could be bullet-proofed with a lighter cover than metal tanks, and also gave greater protection against damage, such as might occur in a crash.

Production commenced in 1941, and considerable number of the early "Marflex" fuel cells were used with excellent results in Service aircraft, particularly in certain types of "Spitfire". But further development was necessary. "Neoprene" had certain disadvantages for the work and was also in great demand for other war purposes.

As an alternative, experiments were made with a synthetic resin, known as "Formvar", manufactured by the Shawinigan Company of Canada. The first samples, using single-ply fabric, proved with "Formvar"/"Discolin", were not altogether satisfactory, but I.C.I. Technicians successfully overcame these initial difficulties by employing a multi-ply fabric, TF2B.

"Formvar"

The "Formvar"-proofed material, although quite satisfactory when new, did not, however, withstand the effect of prolonged service conditions, and lost flexibility. Further research led to a similar fabric, proofed with "Formvar"/"Glyceryl". Adipate, which combined all the characteristics of the earlier material with the advantage of longer service life and stability over a much wider temperature range.

This brought "Marflex" cells to a further stage of development, and by the end of the war they had been specified for such famous aircraft as the "Vampire", "Hurricane", "Spitfire", "Pilot", "Barracuda", "Mustang", "F4U", "P-51", "P-47", "P-38", "P-40", "P-39", "P-35", "P-30", "P-26", "P-24", "P-23", "P-22", "P-21", "P-20", "P-19", "P-18", "P-17", "P-16", "P-15", "P-14", "P-13", "P-12", "P-11", "P-10", "P-9", "P-8", "P-7", "P-6", "P-5", "P-4", "P-3", "P-2", "P-1".

ELECTRICITY GRID TO DISAPPEAR

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sealing tanks for amphibious and armoured vehicles, large capacity tanks for motor torpedo boats, transport tanks for carrying aviation fuel on rail trucks, and experimental tanks of many different types to meet special naval requirements. Land storage tanks, holding up to 2,500 gallons were also made, and some saw service on the Normandy beaches in the invasion operations of June 1944. When not in use, these tanks could be rolled up and were easy to transport.

"Marflex" gave protection against 303 and .5" ammunition on aircraft, and up to 20 m/m cannon for land vehicles and naval craft.

The material for the "Marflex" cell consists of a sandwich with an intermesh and facing of "Formvar"—Glyceryl—Adipate synthetic resin, calendered on to two-ply cotton fabric. The resin is impermeable to petrol or aviation spirit and remains flexible over a comparatively wide temperature range.

Tailored

The material is "tailored" on to wooden formers—a method which lends itself to the speedy production of unusual shapes. The formers are made so that they can be completely dismantled after the tank has been built, and withdrawn through a hole made to receive one of the metal fittings.

During the early stages of development, it became apparent that the usual metal fittings were not satisfactory for the new tank and this led to the patenting of a special joint fitting and several other features.

"Marflex" cells are made to measure to fit individual requirements and will go into places impossible for a rigid tank. Their flexibility gives high protection against fire caused by bursting tanks in crash or heavy landings, and the range for civilian aircraft includes a cell specially insulated against crash damage by a layer of felt and fabric over the tank lining.

It is reported that the present tax on cars imported into Spain of 1,000 Pesetas per horsepower, with a maximum of 15,000 Pesetas for cars of 15 horsepower, has been reduced to 500 Pesetas for cars of 15 horsepower and below, and to 1,000 Pesetas for cars of 16 horsepower and above.

Tungsten Filament Lamp Holds Its Own

The tungsten filament lamp still holds an important place in lighting practice, for there are many tasks which it is not easy, or even possible, to perform by the use of any other known source. Typical of these applications is the motor car headlamp.

It will be remembered that American lamp designers evolved the sealed beam lamp in an effort to improve the performance of headlights. These lamps are of two types.

One is an all glass construction in which the filaments are mounted directly on the reflector, which together with the front glass forms a sealed envelope.

In the second type, a twin filament bulb is soldered into position in a metal reflector, which is then sealed on to a prismatic front glass. In both cases, the entire unit must be replaced if the filament burns out.

Pre-Focused

To avoid this wholesale scrapping while retaining the principal advantages of the new method, a pre-focused bulb has been developed by the G.E.C. in conjunction with J. Lucas & Co., Ltd. In these new lamps, the front glass and reflector are assembled as a unit which cannot be separated.

The bulb has a notched flange and thus locks into the correct position when inserted in the holder. This maintains the original beam performance when a replacement bulb is fitted so that no focusing device is required.

Since the bulb is fitted from the rear of the reflector, it is essential that the aperture through which it is inserted should be kept as small as possible. The bulb is therefore made cylindrical in shape so as to reduce its overall diameter to a minimum.

Range

A range of fittings of various sizes has been produced, and it is intended that they shall also be used as pass lights, giving a flat topped beam for use when driving towards traffic, or in a fog. Twin filament bulbs are also being produced for use in the near side headlight when a passlight cannot be fitted. The pre-focused bulb will allow much more effective dipping than has hitherto been attained with twin filament headlamp bulbs.

British Steel Exports

British steel exports to China show a drop during the months of October and November. The reason is that shipment of bridging material has had to be suspended during the period of UNRRA handling over, because the organisation is being wound up.

Shipment arrangements will now be made direct between the British and Chinese Governments. It is expected that the changeover will be completed by the middle of this month when the despatch of the remainder of the bridging will be resumed. Shipments will not again reach the tonnage recorded in August and September, for there only remains between 1,000 and 1,500 tons to complete the allotment made by Britain to UNRRA to assist China's reconstruction. It is expected that transportation will take about three months.

Problem

According to the British Iron and Steel Federation, the steel industry will have to face the problem next year of providing steel for the expansion of the "rebuilding" industries at home for the manufacture of machinery and other dollar earning exports.

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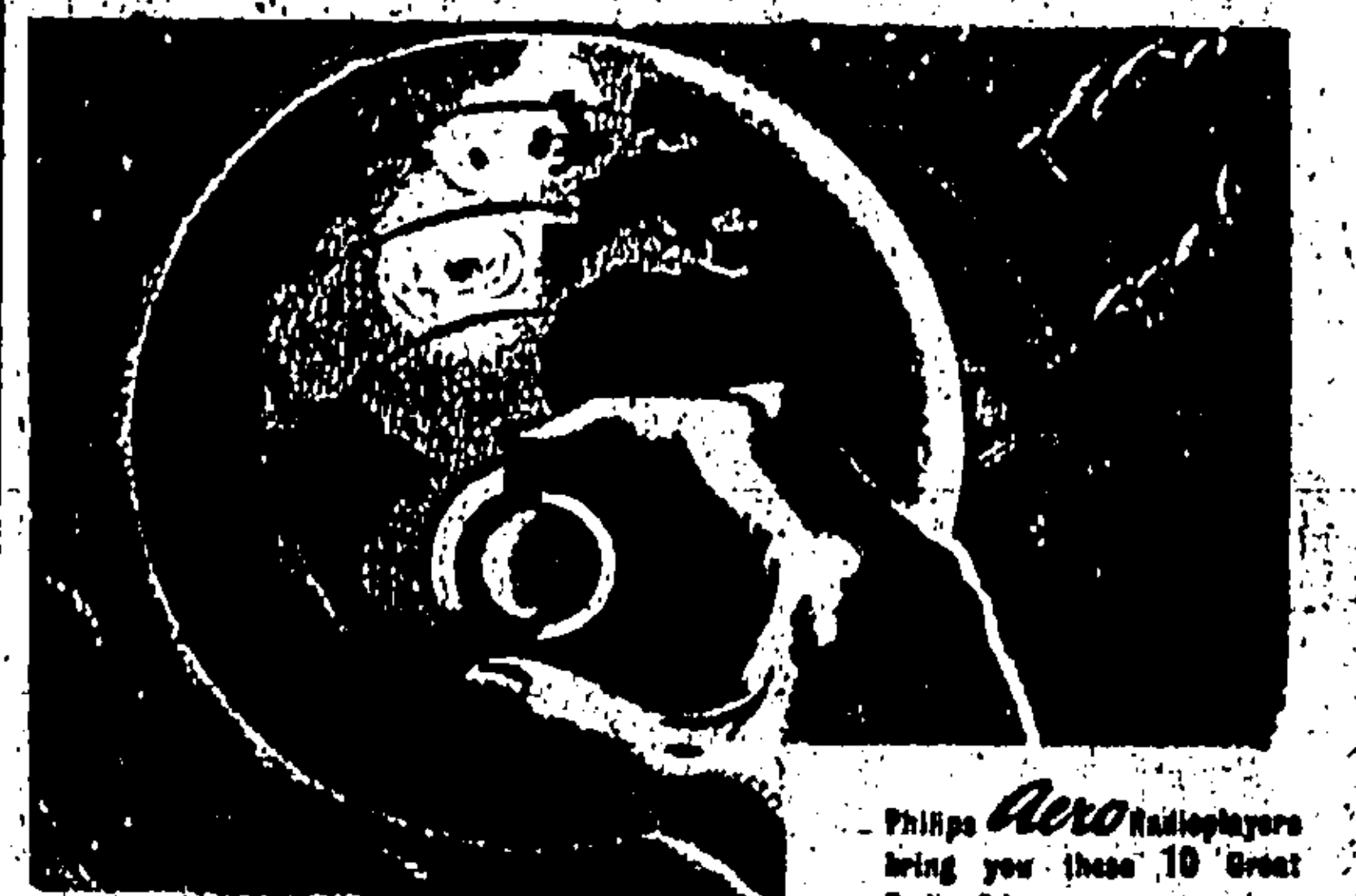
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	22nd Jan.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Late Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
San Francisco & Los Angeles	10th Jan.	m.v. "ANDAMAN"
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The Commission's Recommendations

London Stock Exchange
London, Jan. 6.
One bright spot in today's stock markets was the revival of interest in Middle West in the Kaffir market. Following rumours that an announcement regarding a new borehole result was imminent, these shares jumped 1/2 to 38/4.
Apart from the quiet firmness in gilt-edged with new Transport stock at 97 1/2, the rest of the stock markets were dull and visibly affected by political uncertainties.
Leading industries were all marked lower, with Turner and Newall down 1/2 to 47 1/2. Breweries and tobacco also shared losses whilst oil shares were decidedly dull.
Foreign bonds were quietly steady with some support in French sterling loans, whilst Greek issues showed small improvements.
Foreign rails remained steady to firm, but this section is yet awaiting news regarding the takeover decision.
Today's quotations—
SECURITIES
British Consols, 1945/78 8 1/2%
Conversion Loan, 1945/78 105 1/2%
Funding Loan, 1946/50 112 1/2%
War Loan, 1916/22 102 1/2%
War Loan, 1916 102 1/2%
Victory Bonds, 4% 113 1/2%
INDUSTRIALS
British Consols, 1945/78 8 1/2%
B.A.T. Co., ord. 24 1/2%
British Celanese, ord. 24 1/2%
Carreras Ltd., "A" ord. 4 1/2%
L. & P. Co., ord. 70 1/2%
Courtauld, ord. 44 1/2%
Dunlop Rubber Co., ord. 70 1/2%
Imperial Chemical Industries 50 1/2%
Imperial Tobacco Co., ord. 52 1/2%
Lever Bros., ord. 53 1/2%
Vickers Ltd. 29 1/2%
RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Plantation 16 1/2%
Gula Kalumpung 20%
Rubber Plantation Investment 26 1/2%
MINES
Burmah Corp. 67 1/2%
Crown Mines 4 1/2%
Nundydyro Mines 11 1/2%
Rand Mines 8 1/2%
Spring Mines 8 1/2%
Tanganyika 3 1/2%
Tany Tin Co. 3 1/2%
Union Corporation 27 1/2%
OIL SHARES
Anglo-Iranian Co., ord. 178 1/2%
Burmah Oil Co., ord. 78 1/2%
Mexican Eagle Oil Co. 16 1/2%
Royal Dutch 19%
Shell Transport Co. 3%
SHIPPING
P. & O. S.N. Co., ord. 62%
GILT-EDGED
Consolidated Loan, 8%, 1948/52 101 1/2%
Funding Loan, 8%, 1948/52 101 1/2%
National War Bonds, 2 1/2% 101 1/2%
1945/54 100%
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Savings Bonds, 3%, 1946/54 101 1/2%
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Savings Bonds, 3%, 1948/54 100%
Exchange Bonds, 1950 100%
Redemption Stock, 8%, 1948/58 98 1/2%
FOREIGN BONDS
German Loan (Deutsche) 7 1/2% 8 1/2%
Japanese 5%, 1927/47 34 1/2%
Japanese 6%, 1924/50 34 1/2%
South Manchurian Ry., 1925 29%
BANKS
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. 11 1/2%
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. 12 1/2%
Mercantile Bank 21 1/2%
—Reuter.

Seven Year Scales
We understand that Government is not at the moment employing officers of the first category, but we have recommended rates of pay for uncertificated teachers, since we are informed that such teachers are employed in grant-aided schools in which salaries are paid according to Government scales. We recommend for certificated teachers a seven year scale rising in the case of men from \$3,600 per annum to \$5,100 per annum and from \$2,880 per annum to \$4,080 per annum in the case of women. We propose that local graduate teachers should be called assistant masters or assistant mistresses and that they should be on a ten year scale commencing at \$5,400 per annum for assistant masters and \$4,320 per annum for assistant mistresses. We recommend that men and women with higher qualifications, valuable experience or special aptitude should be promoted at any point to the grade of master or mistress. Ordinarily promotion to the grade of master or mistress should be dependent upon the passing of an efficiency bar.
Candidates recruited from overseas would be expected to possess not only the necessary academic qualifications but also teaching experience. Certificated teachers should be able to pass an efficiency bar to proceed on the same scale as assistant masters or mistresses but should not go beyond the maximum of that grade.
Places Of Refuge!
We recommend that senior masters and mistresses should be appointed by selection and that this grade should in future be regarded as a probation grade for officer who will eventually rise higher in the Department and not as a place of refuge for senior officers who will never proceed any further. For inspectors of vernacular schools we recommend a scale commencing three increments above the grade.

RUBBER PRICES
New York, Jan. 7.
Rubber closed 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 lower. Sales were 165 contracts, March 22,539, May 21,211 nominal, July 20,721, Sep. 20,223 nominal.
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Hong Kong Stock Exchange
There was only a small turnover with quotations confined to the easy side.
H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 102 1/2.
2 1/2% Loan 101 1/2.
BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 20 1/2, 20 1/2.
H.K. (Lon. Reg.) 21 1/2.
Chartered Bank 21 1/2.
Mercantile Bk. A. & C. 21 1/2.
Bank of East Asia 12 1/2.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 37 1/2, 38 1/2.
Union Ins. 77 1/2, 78 1/2.
China Underwriters 64 1/2.
H.K. Fire 120.
SHIPPING
Douglas 210.
H.K. & M. Steamships 14 1/2.
Indo China (Freight) 100.
Indo China (Dry) 30.
Shells (Beeper) 75.
U. Waterboats (Old) 48 1/2.
U. Waterboats (New) 48 1/2.
D.O.S. WHARVES, SHEDS, ETC.
H.K. & S. Wharves 10 1/2.
H.K. (N) (P. F.) 14 1/2.
H.K. (N) (P. F.) 9 1/2.
MINING
Rauk Mines 5 3/4.
H.K. Mines 5 3/4.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.
H. & S. Hotel 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 25 1/2.
H.K. Lands (Old) 5 1/2.
H.K. Lands (New) 5 1/2.
Shal Lands 4 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 1/4.
Humphreys Estates 20.
H.K. Real Estate 12 1/2.
Chinese Estates 18.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 24 1/2, 24 1/2.
Peak Tram (Old) 17 1/2.
Peak Tram (New) 17 1/2.
Star Ferry 12 1/2.
Yau Ma Tei Ferry 20.
C. Lights (Old) 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 20 1/2.
C. Lights (New) 14 1/2, 15 1/2.
H.K. Electric (Old) 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2.
H.K. Electric (New) 5 1/2.
Macao Electric 3 1/2.
Bandan Lights 10.
Telephone (Old) 30, 40 1/2, 40 1/2.
Telephone (New) 30 1/2.
INDUSTRIALS
Gold. Macg. (Ord.) 20.
Gold. Macg. (Pref.) 6.
Canton Iron & Steel 10 1/2.
Cement (Old) 2 1/2.
Cement (New) 2 1/2.
H.K. Koppa 2 1/2.
STORES & COTTONS
Daily Farms (K. R.) 5 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2.
Daily Farms Rights 40.
Lano, Crawford 5 1/2.
Succinea 7 1/2, 8 1/2.
China Emporium 12 1/2.
Kwang Sang Hong 20 1/2.
Wing On (H.K.) 18 1/2.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12 1/2.
MISCELLANEOUS
H.K. Construction (Old) 5 1/2.
H.K. Construction (New) 5 1/2.
Vibro Filings 5 1/2.
Marsman Investment 12 1/2.
Marsman (H.K.) 5 1/2.
COTTONS
Lano 18 1/2, 18 1/2.

Future Policy
We recommend that workshop training instructors and inspectors should be recruited from men and women who have qualified at the Northcote Training College in other subjects as well as physical training, so that their usefulness will not be limited to the period during which they are capable of giving physical training instruction. An opportunity occurs, we recommend that serving physical training instructors should be given a course at Government expense at the Northcote Training College to equip them to teach in other subjects. We recommend that the physical training supervisor should on reaching the maximum of the time scale for masters be eligible to be considered for promotion to the grade of senior master.
We recommend that workshop instructors at the Trade School should be on the same rates of pay as uncertificated teachers until they obtain a teachers' training certificate. If they qualify as teachers, we recommend for them the same scales of pay as for certificated teachers.

Money Market
Gold had a hectic day of ups and downs yesterday with fluctuations ranging from \$310.50 to \$323.25.
Opening at \$315 it climbed to \$323.25, the peak rate of the day. It then reversed trend and between ups and downs dropped to \$310.50. It then recovered and by closing time climbed back to \$316.50.
Pistones opened at \$11.70 a 100 and climbed to \$12.05.
Chinese National Currency was nominal throughout the day at 28 1/2 cts. for futures and 28 1/2 cts. for spot (for CN\$10,000).
Ticals eased off slightly to \$27.00, as also NEI Guilders to \$27.70 a 100.
U.S. dollars also were easier at \$4.91 1/2. Sterling firmed up slightly to \$18.43. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

BANGKOK GOLD
Bangkok, Jan. 6.
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PARIS SHARES SLUMP
Paris, Jan. 7.
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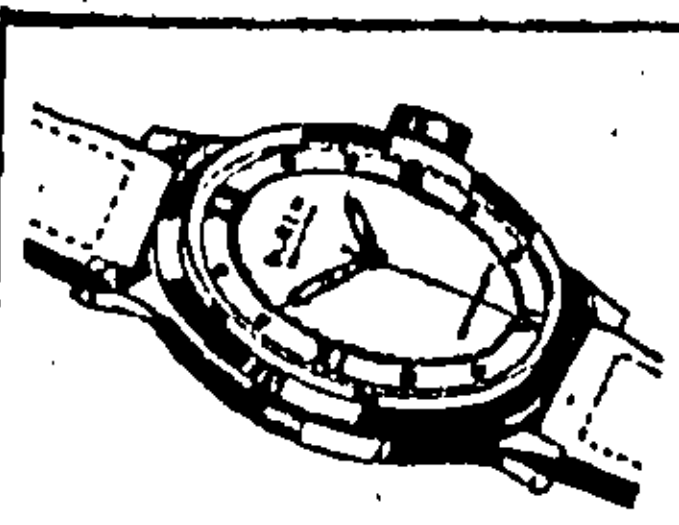
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SHANGHAI TO SEND SOCCER TEAM TO H.K.

(By Rover)

Shanghai has definitely decided to send a soccer team to Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year holidays for an Interport Series, as the result of a meeting of the Shanghai Athletic Federation.

The Interport game will be played on Feb. 10, and Shanghai will meet a Combined Chinese team on the following day. A third game will be played against the Combined Non-Chinese side.

The Interport game will be on the basis of the arrangements made between the two ports in pre-war days. The visiting team will defray its own travelling expenses and Hong Kong will be responsible for board, lodging and entertainment during their stay here.

There will be no division of gate receipts. All proceeds of the games will go to the Hong Kong Football Association.

District trials for the selection of the Chinese Olympic Soccer team will be held from Jan. 21 to Feb. 1, in Shanghai.

North, East, West and Central China will take part in the trials. The finals try-out will be held in Hong Kong after the Chinese New Year, when the Hong Kong Chinese stars will take part.

Sing Tao—Kit Chee Game

Cancellation of the important First Division football game between Sing Tao and Kit Chee at the last moment on Sunday was a disappointment to many followers of the game, as both these teams are in the running for the Senior title.

There was obviously a slip-up in police arrangements which caused the game to be postponed and this is a matter for the Association to look into. It is an open secret that the two Clubs are very closely associated and it is most desirable that the game be played off as soon as possible.

It will be recalled that the Association insisted on South China, when they had two teams in the Senior League, to play their games at the start of the season so that there could be no giving away of needed points later in the season.

Incidentally, a vernacular press report hinted on Tuesday, at the possibility of the game being postponed.

F.A. Should Take Action

The New Year game on the Club ground did not produce the standard of football expected, though the spectators were treated to a sporting game.

Several last minute changes had to be made in both teams, of which the most astonishing was the inclusion of Brogan, a referee, but unregistered as a player, on the left wing for

Kowloon. The manager of the Kowloon team could easily have called on the services of the Chinese players in the stands who were at one time in the dressing room.

It is to be presumed that those who failed to turn up had previously informed the Association of their inability to play but action should be taken against those who were expected to play and who did not turn up. Players who don't "play the game" should not be selected for representative games again.

Interested Officials

For some time past, I have noticed linesmen or referees officiating at a match in which their Club is participating. I do not doubt the impartiality of those officials, but...

The appointment of officials is done by the Referee Sub-Committee and it cannot be expected that the members should know exactly which Club the appointed official is interested in. The official appointed in such cases might make known his interest and refuse the appointment in ample time for a substitute to be arranged.

School Football

The School Football League resumes this Sunday after a break due to the Christmas holidays. Both divisions are making good progress and complete their fixtures by the end of February.

It is now proposed to organize a Knock-out Competition (Senior and Junior) immediately afterwards. Mr. C. McEwan, the Hon. Secretary of the School League, tells me that at least 18 entries are expected in the Senior Division and about 30 in the Junior, as a number of Schools in the New Territories will be competing.

Popular Service Players

The G.O.C., Major General Erskine, in his Press Conference on Monday, touched on football between Army teams and Chinese and local sides. Constant changes of personnel have handicapped the Army teams and prevented the fielding of strong sides. Chinese spectators have always been inclined to single out the outstanding players and to "idolize" them, as in the case of Powell, Jack and Craske. It now seems that Kierman, the Irishman, inside left, is in high favour with the Chinese crowds, both for his sportsmanship and his good play in all games. Sewell, leader of the R.A.F. attack, is another Service player who is popular.

It's Just The Weather



There may be a nip in the Hong Kong air but it's surfing time now Down Under. Here is just one glimpse from Australia's beaches. Mutual sunburn aid is undertaken by Norma Weston and Judith Farnell, at Bondi, Sydney. Judith places her trust in zinc ointment even if the "corroboree" effect is startling.

SALARIES COMMISSION:

4-Year Tour Of Duty Supported

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The only representation on this matter that we received related rather to the form than to the operation of the sick leave rules. It was represented that a man suffering from a slow growing disease is left uncertain by the terms to which the rules are framed whether he will get ample sick leave to give him a chance of complete recovery and that this uncertainty might be a factor in retarding a cure. It was not alleged that the rules had ever been applied in a way that justified any fear; in fact the evidence we received showed that the Government was accustomed to interpret them liberally. If the rules were redrafted in the sense suggested it would involve no change in Government practice, and therefore we suggest that a revision might be considered.

We are of opinion that the sick leave rules should contain special provision for officers suffering from tuberculosis, a disease of wide incidence in Hong Kong. Government servants are at present accommodated for long periods of curative treatment in the Queen Mary Hospital, a general hospital, with the result that its accommodation and resources are strained. We should welcome an ample provision of sanatorium accommodation for Government servants and for the public generally. Meantime we consider that a man should be assured that his sick leave will be terminated only if it is found necessary to invalid him out of the service.

Local Leave

Evidence showed how relatively little men have been accustomed to take advantage of short annual leave. Hong Kong is not well placed. To escape from summer heat and humidity an officer has had to travel to Japan, to distant places in China, to the Philippines or to Indo-China, at great expense and frequently with a good deal of discomfort. At present few of these places are accessible. Short leave spent in Hong Kong is hardly more than extended absence from office duty; which in itself is not commonly of much profit to mind or body. There are administrative difficulties against releasing more than a fraction of the officers who may wish to take leave at the time of the year at which the leave most profitably can be taken. Further we had evidence that there is a tendency to regard the man who uses his annual leave for the purpose for which it was given as selfish because he leaves some other person to do his work, a point of view equally irrational and vicious. It is

the public interest that officers should take local leave; the provision is ample; our only recommendation is that, as conditions in the area improve, officers should be encouraged to take the local leave due to them.

Sick Leave

We do not recommend any fundamental changes in the rules governing the provision of passages. Some amendment to General Order 197 (2) will be required as the result of the revision of salaries. We recommend that expatriate officers should be allowed to opt in ordinary circumstances whether to travel by sea or air when proceeding on or returning from home leave, but that air travel should not be compulsory unless in any particular case it is necessitated by the exigencies of the service.

Age Of Retirement

We favour the idea that Government should have power to call upon any officer to retire at 45 years of age or thereafter and that officers should have the right of voluntary retirement at or after that age; but our approval is qualified by our inability to gauge what this change would cost the Colony or what measure of dislocation of the public service would result if many officers made use of their right. It is possible that the latter difficulty might be obviated by prescribing that officers wishing to retire at 45 should give at least three years' notice of their intentions.

Superannuation Schemes

We have discussed the possibility of the substitution for the present pension system of a superannuation scheme similar to the Federated Superannuation System for Universities in the United Kingdom but until further details are known of the scheme which is being worked out by the Colonial Office we can make no recommendation. We consider that the possibility of introducing a superannuation scheme for staff at present drawing basic salaries of less than \$420 per annum who now come under the provisions of Pension Regulations C might with advantage be investigated.

(Widows And Orphans) Pension Scheme

We understand that an investigation into the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme had been commenced during the war. We are of the opinion that this investigation should be completed in view of the fact that we believe that the present benefits paid by the scheme are maintained only by the payment of an unduly high rate of contribution.

BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE MAY BE REINFORCED

London, Jan. 7.

Important cabinet discussions on overall revision of the British foreign policy are scheduled to begin on Thursday and informed sources said today that these talks may produce a decision to reinforce the British troops stationed in Greece.

The gravest view is taken in official London dispatches stating that Greek rebel artillery is shelling government troops from Albanian soil.

If this news is officially confirmed the position of the Leftwing of the British Labour Party may be weakened to the extent that the government would be able to disregard their demands for evacuation of British troops from Greece.

The decision to bolster the 5,000 British troops now in Greece would materially lessen the logistical problem posed by the decision to withdraw from Palestine — if the cabinet can see its way clear to authorize such a transfer.

The "Daily Graphic" reported today that "preparations are being made in Athens for the possible reception of extra (British) forces."

Meanwhile, it appeared that the future of Britain's vast store of munitions and war material in Palestine would play an important part in the Anglo-Iraq treaty talks slated to begin here today.

Whitehall quarters reported that the defence committee of the cabinet had prepared suggestions for relocating Britain's Middle Eastern military headquarters following the withdrawal from Palestine and the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone which Egypt will demand in any new treaty negotiations.

Diversions

Meanwhile, an Athens despatch reported that a Greek Government statement stated today that to speed the implementation of the new military programme, US\$300,000,000, already allocated for rehabilitation purposes, would be diverted to expenditure on the Greek Army.

It was expected that the diverted money would be replaced shortly by the United States, although an abridgement of the disposal period for American aid from 18 months to 12 months would considerably ease the financial position.

The statement added that the National Guard would be strengthened from 40 battalions to 100 battalions, 50,000 strong, and would assume "active duties in garrisoning towns to allow Army contingents to join the operational forces in the fight against the guerrillas."

(News from the United States last night disclosed that 1,000 United States Marines had sailed from Morehead City, North Carolina, for the Mediterranean, a day ahead of schedule. They were earlier reported to be joining the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier, Midway, and three 10,000-ton cruisers, one of which was reported to be at the Piraeus, the port of Athens.)

Major General William G. Livesey, Chief of the Military Section of the United States Aid Mission to Greece arrived in Greece from the United States today. — United Press and Reuter.

Oxford Boat Race Crew At Practice

London, Jan. 6.

Oxford University's boat crew impressed in their first practice on the river Isis today in preparation for the annual boat race from Putney to Mortlake on March 27.

The crew expect to go to Henley in the middle of February, and will probably make their first appearance on the Thames on March 8 or the following day.

During practices they are using the boat which the successful Oxford crew used in 1937 and 1938, and for the actual race they will probably have one of the new boats being built for the Olympic Games.

The average weight of the crew as at present constituted is 12 stone 12 pounds, and there are four old Blues.

Cambridge also began practice today under the supervision of Wing Commander F. Hellyer, an Old Blue. — Reuter.

Gold Smuggler Was A Little Too Ingenious

"The ingenuity of these people," was commented upon by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when Revenue Officer L. G. Millington showed the Court the method adopted by Chen Yau-kan of 149 Lockhart Road, ground floor, to conceal 12 gold bars, valued at \$19,000, in a suitcase.

Chen booked for Swatow by CATC plane scheduled to leave Kai Tak on Jan. 6.

When asked whether he had anything to declare, Chen replied in the negative.

Again asked, with gold specifically mentioned, again he replied in the negative.

The Revenue Officer opened the suitcase and, inside the hollow between the "bone" of the suitcase and a piece of wood specially nailed on the gold was found.

Chen's bail of \$500 was ordered to be forfeited on his failure to appear and the gold bars were ordered to be confiscated.

Tokyo War Crimes Trial Loses Its Tension

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

With Hideki Tojo's stepping out from the witness box and the appearance of the next defendant, the last among the Tokyo war crimes trial seemed suddenly today to lose its tension.

The Press gallery quickly emptied.

At this afternoon's session several of the lawyers and a few among the defendants appeared to be dozing.

There was a general sense that an important chapter had been finished in the proceedings. Wrinkled Buddha-like former Gen. Toshiro Nishio, one-time Vice-Chief of General Staff of the Japanese Army, sat in the witness box which Tojo vacated.

Earlier, Tojo, under direct examination from the Military Tribunal for the Far East, admitted that he had been in command of the Japanese Army in the Philippines during the war.

The final decision was reported personally to the Emperor by Tojo himself and the chiefs of the navy general staff and army general staff, (both of whom are now dead). — United Press and Reuter.

FRUSTRATED
Fun Kai, 25, of 162 Des Voeux Road West, allegedly attempted to jump off the ferry "Man Kiu" while it was on its way from Shamshuipo to Hong Kong about 8 p.m. yesterday.

He was stopped by a Customs collector and later handed over to the Police.

Manhunt For Clothes Coupon Forger

London, Jan. 7.

Scotland Yard police headquarters was today searching for the man believed to be behind the fake clothing coupons recently flooding Britain and threatening to disrupt the nation's clothes rationing system.

The manhunt began after detectives had swooped on two houses in west London last night and seized elaborate printing machinery, believed to have been used by an expert forger to turn out coupons which only an expert could distinguish from those issued by the Board of Trade.

The raid was a climax to months of study by Scotland Yard in consultation with the Board of Trade's investigation branch. One estimate was that as many as 5,000,000 bogus clothing coupons were in circulation. — Reuter.

Burd Street Once Had A Cafe

Burd Street had a "street cafe" with "30 chaises, 50 tables, 100 stools covering an area of 150 yards," before St Hollingshead arrived on the scene on Sunday night.

As a result of the police raid, following numerous complaints from residents, two hawkers were fined \$200 by Mr. F.K. d'Almeida at Central on Monday for obstruction and hawking without licenses, and forty-one persons were fined \$1 for aiding and abetting the obstruction by eating in the middle of the street.

Yesterday, seven more appeared before Mr. d'Almeida on charges of obstruction and employing unapproved servants. Defendants were each fined \$150.

St Hollingshead told the Court that some 20 folks were serving dogs meat in an "open air large scale restaurant," which completely blocked the street.

The tables, stools and chaises were ordered to be confiscated.

Russian Ship In Distress Off Japan
Honolulu, Jan. 7.

The RCA listening post here picked up a distress message of an unidentified Russian vessel, with 800 passengers aboard, off the Japanese coast.

The brief message, signed "Divina, master," reported that the ship had five feet of water in its hold.

Addressed to the harbour master, Hakodate, Japan, the message that a rescue vessel will be dispatched as soon as possible.

Its position was given as latitude 41 degrees and 50 minutes north, longitude 144 degrees and eight minutes east, which would place the vessel in the neighbourhood of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. — United Press.

MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS IN COURT
When Wong Tai Shiu failed to answer a summons at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Wong, should have appeared with To Mei, Wong Kai Lam and Sheu Lam Chor on two summonses of (a) failing to furnish particulars of the "Pacific Ocean Magazine" to the S.C.A. and (b) publishing and assisting to distribute the "Pacific Ocean Magazine," which failed to comply with the requirements of the Printers and Publishers Ordinance.

First defendant was charged, owing to insufficient evidence, Wong Kai Lam was fined \$100 on each summons, and third defendant was fined \$250 with the option of four months' hard labour.

Insp. C. R. Byron, prosecuted. Printed and published for the Proprietor, The Newspaper, at the "China Mail" Press, 11, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

Mother Nature Gives Mexico The Palsy

Mexico City, Jan. 7.

Mother Nature gave Mexico a mild case of palsy on Tuesday with three earth tremors that made dishes rattle, small church bells tinkle and lights swing.

The first shock was felt about 1:20 P.M. The second and third shocks came while President Miguel Aleman was exchanging New Year wishes with members of the diplomatic corps.

Three crystal chandeliers in the National Palace swung in a wide arc.

The epidemic was estimated to be about 225 miles southeast of the capital. Associated Press.

Something New In Army Hostels

London, Jan. 6.

About 150 wives and children of soldiers serving overseas will, on January 15, move into Norbury House, Drottich, it was announced today.

This will be the first hostel of its kind to be opened by the Western Command and will house women and children who have previously lived in married quarters.

Many soldiers serving in the Western Command, some of whom have been separated from their families since 1939, will be able to set up homes in the married quarters which are to be vacated.

Norbury House will be staffed by military personnel, including cooks and orderlies, and there will be communal feeding. The weekly accommodation charges, irrespective of rank from private to a warrant officer, are: Wife only—34—; wife and child—45—; wife and two children—55—; wife and three children—64—; wife and four children—72—; and for each additional child 6—.

No charge will be made for a child under one year. — Reuter.

"Boom Town" Throws Rider On Trials

Boom Town, a new Australian suburban suburb of 1918 belonging to "Fai" and one of the favourites of the Hong Kong Derby to be run on Monday, January 19 went out for a trial gallop yesterday morning over a mile on the grass track with Mr. Chin Cheong Fan on top.

Near the Public Stands, the pony threw Mr. Chin, luckily without seriously injuring the rider.

CHelsea ANGLES FOR BENTLEY

London, Jan. 6.

Chelsea, ready to give some of the money gained from Tommy Lawton's transfer, are negotiating for the services of Roy Bentley, the brilliant Newcastle inside forward who recently was asked to move south for health reasons.

It was understood that preliminary discussions between the clubs have been opened and the figure mentioned was around £11,000. Newcastle originally stated that they would not part with Bentley without a player in exchange, but over the weekend, they signed McCauley, an Aberdeen forward, for £8,000 and will probably be prepared to let Bentley go in a straight cash deal.

Newcastle spent £25,000 when Bentley joined them from Bristol City in July, 1946, and with the present inflated prices his value today is probably about £12,000. — Reuter.

SHIELD DRAW

The following is the draw for the Second Round of the Football Shield competitions: —

SENIOR
Club v Eastern
25th R.A. v Kit Chee
Kowloon Motor Bus v South China
Sing Tao v Police

JUNIORS
Kit Chee v Kowloon Motor Bus
South China v Club
Eastern v Chinese Athletic
Navy v Talbot

The games will be played during the week-end, Jan. 17 and 18.

Allen Is Unfit For Barbados Game

Bridgetown, Barbados, Jan. 6.

G. O. Allen, the captain and manager of the MCC cricket team which arrived here today, injured a leg while training on board ship during the trip and is unlikely to play in the First Test starting on January 21.

Immediately on his arrival in the "Tetela," Allen told Norman Preston, Reuters special correspondent with the team, that he either pulled or strained a tendon in the calf of his left leg when skipping on the deck last Sunday. He intended having medical treatment immediately, and added: "I shall not be fit for the first game against Barbados beginning on Friday and if I have to miss the second game then of course I cannot play in the First Test."

The second game starts on Jan. 15. Apart from Allen, all the English players are fit despite a rough voyage.

Only four were able to dine on Christmas Day—W. Place, the Lancashire batsman being ill for two days.

ROBBERY

An armed robbery was reported to have taken place at 67 Fok Wah Street, Shamshuipo, about 1:30 p.m. yesterday by three men, one with a revolver. A considerable amount of clothing, other personal property, and money was collected by the robbers.

France To Issue Now Franc?

Paris, Jan. 7.

A highly placed government official said Tuesday night that France will issue a new franc within the next two weeks in an effort to revive the country's foreign trade. — Associated Press.

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"SINKIANG"	Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok 2 p.m. 11th Jan.
"FOYANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia 4 p.m. 12th Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai 4 p.m. 13th Jan.
"ANHUI"	Amoy, Swatow, Singapore & Penang 10 a.m. 14th Jan.
"HUNAN"	Foochow, Shanghai & Tientsin 5 p.m. 17th Jan.

ARRIVALS FROM	
"FOYANG"	Kobe & Shanghai 9th Jan.
"TSINAN"	Swatow a.m. 10th Jan.
"NEWCHANG"	Swatow p.m. 10th Jan.
"HANYANG"	Shanghai 11th Jan.
"FOOCHOW"	Kobe 12th Jan.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin, Foochow & Keelung 12th Jan.

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"MENELAUS"	22nd Jan.
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Sailings to	
"MYRMIDON"	Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow via Straits & Port Said 8th Jan.
"ADRASTUS"	Liverpool via Port Said 28th Jan.
"MENELAUS"	Genoa and Liverpool via Port Said Late Jan.
"PRIAM"	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said Early Feb.

NEW YORK SERVICE	
Arrivals from U.S.A. via Manila and Shanghai	Early Feb.
"PRIAM"	

Arrivals from	
"YUNNAN"	Australia via Manila 23rd Jan.
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THURSDAY, JAN. 8

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Rangoon, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow; Airmail for Kweilin, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m.

Hankow, 1 p.m.

Hongkong, 2 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

Manila, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 9

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrain, Cairo, Aden, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for London, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

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ARRIVALS FROM

Pool via Bangkok:

Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Towns), 2.10 p.m.

Jan. 11, BOAC (Capt. Easton), 2.10 p.m.

Manila:

Jan. 8, Cathay Pacific, 12 noon.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Jan. 9, BOAC (Capt. Rudd), 2.10 p.m.

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

Jan. 9, H.K. Airways (Capt. Varley), 3.30 p.m.

Jan. 11, H.K. Airways (Capt. Raeburn), 3 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):

Jan. 8, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):

Jan. 10, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Singapore:

Jan. 9, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Pool via Bangkok:

Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Needham), 8 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Jan. 9, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.

Singapore:

Jan. 9, BOAC (Capt. Colvin), 7.30 a.m.

Manila:

Jan. 8, Cathay Pacific, 1 p.m.

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.45 a.m.

Jan. 9, H.K. Airways (Capt. Varley), 10 a.m.

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Jan. 10, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

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On Loan

Washington, Jan. 6.

With Britain's withdrawal of

of another \$100,000,000 from

the United States loan, in-

formed quarters here ex-

pected that the whole of

the loan will have been ex-

hausted by the end of next

month.

This was the second

withdrawal since the loan

was unfrozen last month,

and, with the \$100,000,000

withdrawn in December,

left only \$200,000,000 re-

maining of the original

\$375 million borrowed.—

Reuter.

Air France

Crash

Paris, Jan. 7.

Fifteen persons were killed

when a Paris bound Air France

airliner from Brussels crashed

and burned while coming in for

a landing at Le Bourget air-

port.

Only one person—a Polish

woman passenger—of the 16 on

board survived, 13 died in the

crash and two succumbed later

to injuries. Three Americans

were among the 11 passengers.

—Associated Press.

ALEXANDRIA

BULLION

Alexandria, Jan. 6.

Gold, per "dierhem" 171 piastres,

Egyptian pound 500, Sovereign 365,

Turkey pound 370, Napoleon 365,

Dollar piece de change 500, Silver

(piastres) per Kilogram 840.—

Reuter.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Diego (Thames), A.L.

Panama (U. & S.), 1.51 tons from

Singapore (Captain O. Fox), 114.

Ormaiztegui (M.L.), 500 tons from

Singapore (Capt. O. West), 1.14 tons

from Swatow (Jebson), 1.74 tons from

Swatow (Capt. C. Apold), 1.14 tons

from Binklang (U. & S.), 1.14 tons

from Pusan, 1.14 tons

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Prosper (Everitt), Singapore